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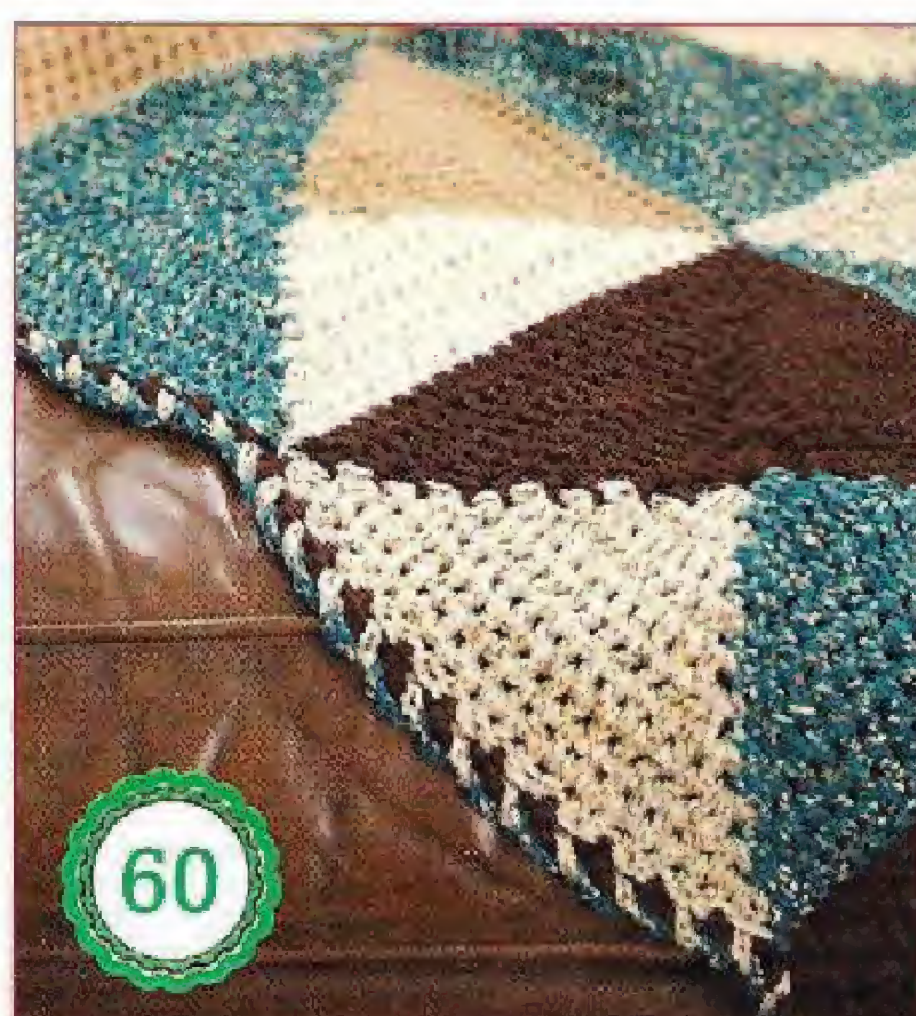
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Mittens

Remodel

A pair of mittens from the past gets a new look.

By Lauren Osborne

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #316 Soft White (A)
- 1 ball #319 Cherry Red (B)

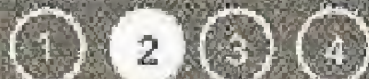
CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch chain
dc double crochet
sc single crochet
[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
sc3tog (single crochet 3 stitches together) [Insert hook in next sc, yarn over and draw up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

When we came across these cute mitts in our archives, we knew they were perfect for a modern update! We changed them up with a hexagon motif construction and a contemporary yarn. The resulting pair are as warm as they are cute.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Each mitten measures approx 12½"/32cm long and 4½"/11.5cm wide

GAUGE

One hexagon (Rounds 1–4) = 4½"/11.5cm measured from side to side.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Hexagons are worked in joined rounds, with right side facing throughout. At the end of each round, join last stitch to first stitch. Do not turn at the beginning of rounds.

the yarn Super Saver in Cherry Red

2 To change color and join with slip stitch at the end of a round, insert hook in top of beginning ch. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete join. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color.

HEXAGON (MAKE 12—6 FOR EACH MITTEN)

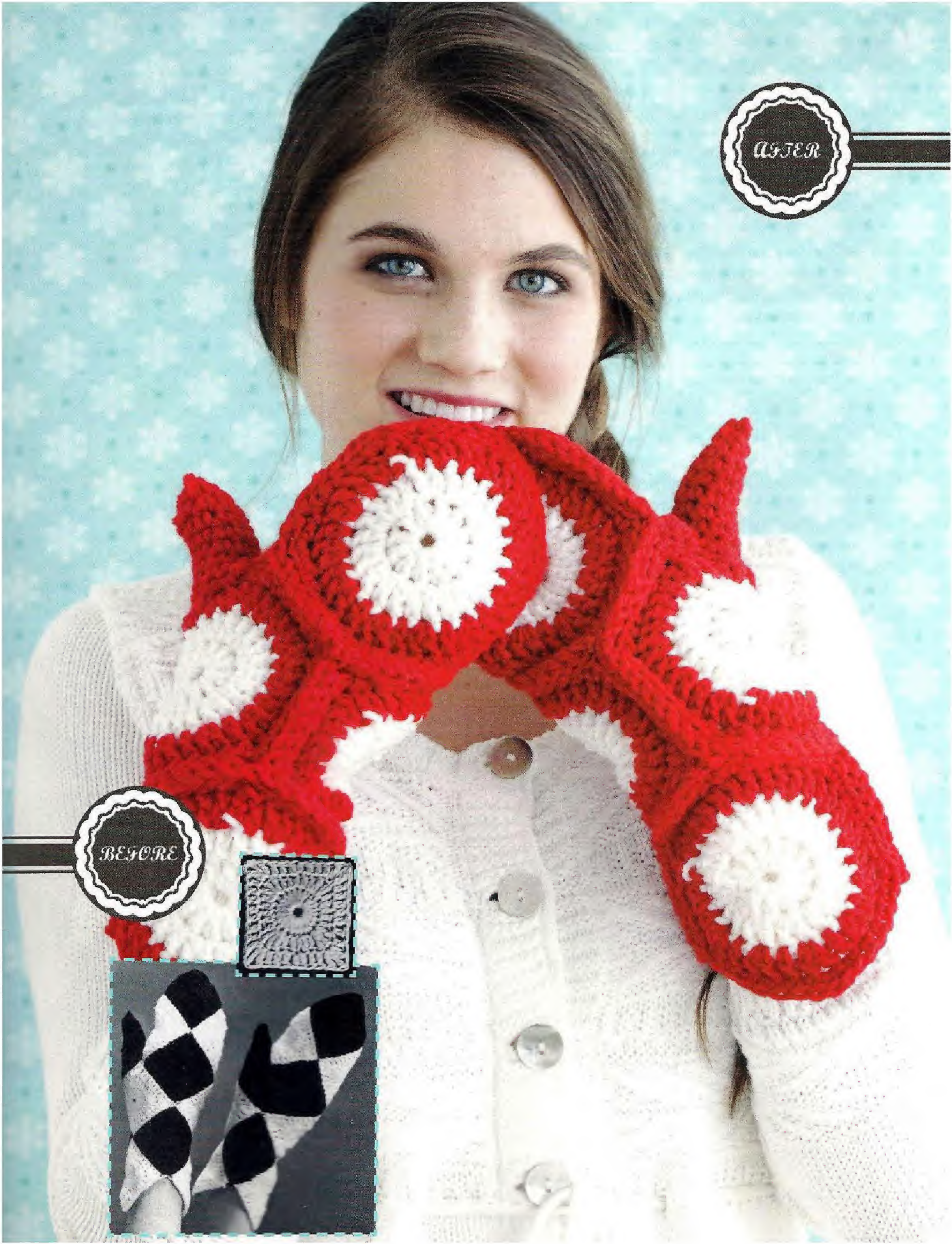
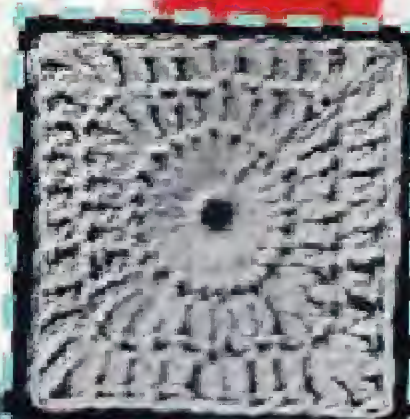
Round 1 (right side) With A, ch 3 (counts as first dc), work 11 dc in 3rd ch from hook; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in same st as join, 2 dc in each remaining st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch and change to B—24 dc. Fasten off A.

Round 3 With B, ch 2, dc in same st as join, dc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next st] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—36 dc.

Round 4 Ch 1, 3 sc in same st as join, sc in next 5 dc, [3 sc in next dc, sc in next 5 dc] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc—48 sc. Fasten off.





Assembly

Weave in ends. Arrange hexagons as in assembly diagram. Join neighboring hexagons as follows:

- 1 Hold hexagons with wrong sides together.
- 2 Working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sl st in one corner of edges to be joined, sl st in each st across edge. Fasten off.
- 3 Take care to leave indicated stitches open for thumb, to be worked later.

THUMB

With right side of one mitten facing, join B with sl st at one end of thumb opening.

Round 1 Ch 1, work 10 sc evenly spaced around thumb opening; do not join—10 sc. Work proceeds in continuous rounds; do not join at end of rounds and do not turn at beginning of rounds. Place a marker in the first sc to indicate the beginning of the round. Move the marker up as each round is completed.

Rounds 2–7 Sc in each sc around.

Round 8 [Sc2tog] 5 times—5 sts.

Round 9 [Sc2tog] 2 times, sc in last st—3 sts.

Round 10 Sc3tog. Fasten off.

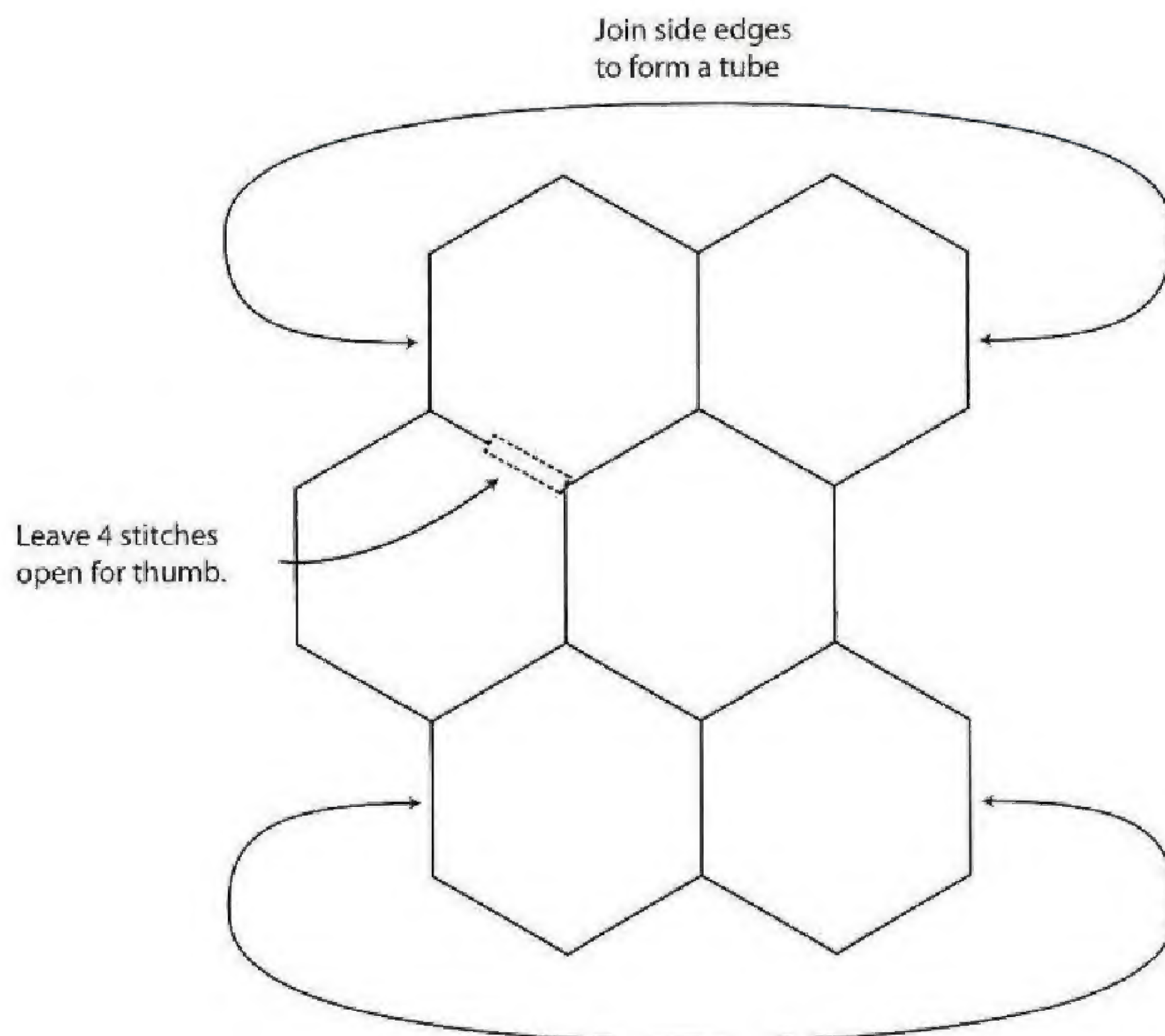
FINISHING

Weave in ends.

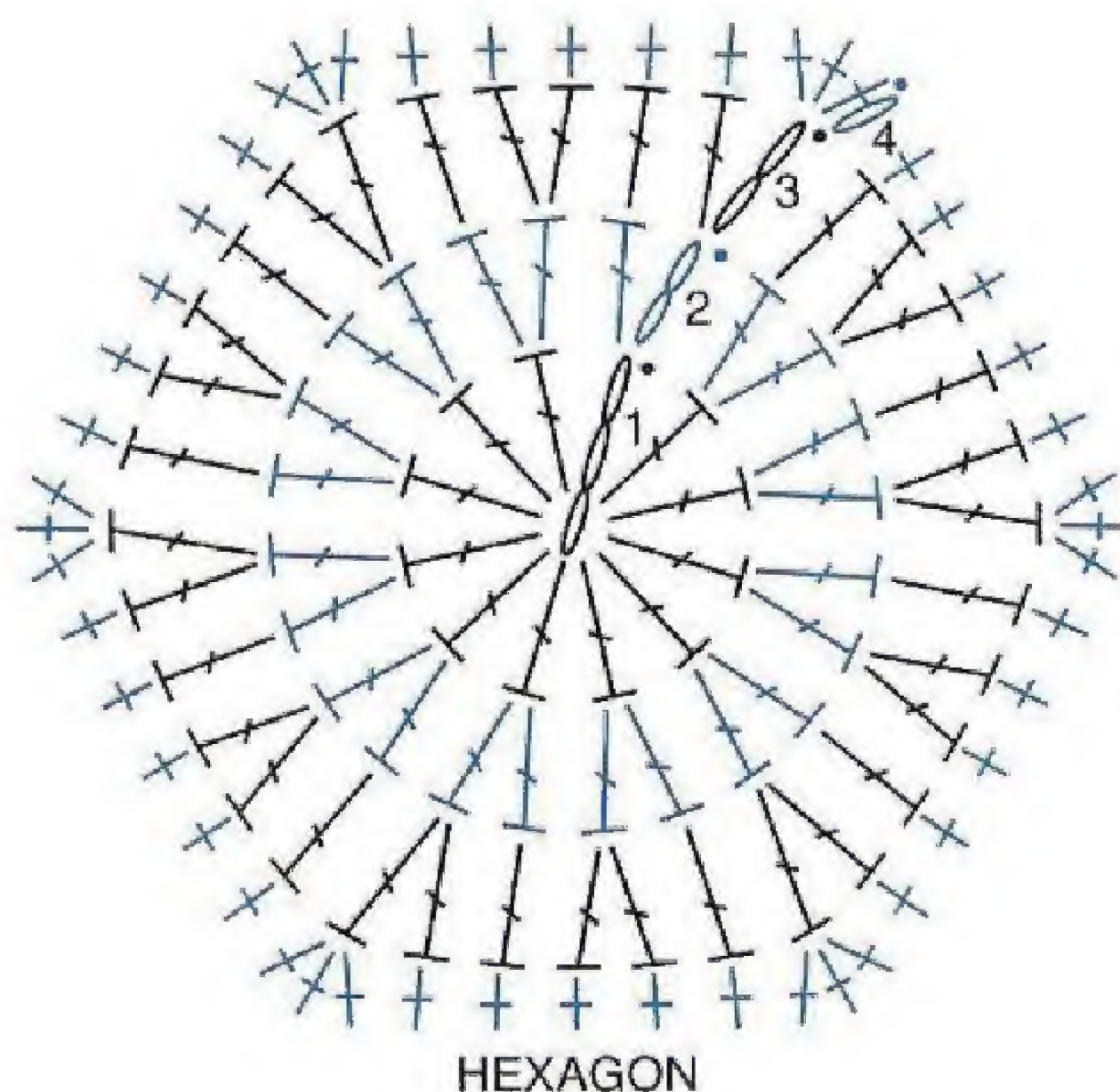
Tip

Crochet over the tails as you go to reduce the number of tails to weave in at the end. Trim the tails before assembling the mittens.

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



STITCH DIAGRAM



BLUE WAVES VEST

Working this piece from side to side creates eye-catching vertical lines—for a gorgeous, cascading effect. We love this sweater over just about anything!

By Dora Ohrenstein





What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Yarn, 5oz/140g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 3 (3, 4) balls #9820 Mid Blue

CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*
- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook (for last round of cuffs only), or a hook one size smaller than the (larger) hook needed to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Pins
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch chain	sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet	sp space
hdc half double crochet	st(s) stitch(es)
sc single crochet	tr treble crochet
sk skip	

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

the yarn



Soft Yarn in Mid Blue



try this!

Use a different color of Soft Yarn, such as #9440 Grey Heather or #9770 Rose Blush.



WAVE PATTERN (MULTIPLE OF 14 STS + 1)

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, *sc in next sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 3 sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops only, sc in each st across.

Row 3 Ch 4 (counts as first tr), turn; *tr in next sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 2 sc; repeat from * across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each sc across.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Repeat Row 1.

Row 8 Repeat Row 4.

Repeat Rows 1–8 for Wave Pattern.

SIZES

S (M/L, 1X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

bust 30 (36, 42)"/76 (91.5, 106.5)cm

length 23"/58.5cm

note Vest is designed to be worn open at front, and will fit 32–36 (37–42, 43–48)"/81.5–91.5 (94–106.5, 109–122)cm busts.

GAUGE

2 pattern repeats (28 sts) = 9"/23cm, and 8 rows = 3"/7.5cm over Wave Pattern.

Note one pattern repeat consists of 14 sts, (sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 3 tr, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc), a wave.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 30.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, [sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 3 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch] 2 times—2 pattern repeats.

Rows 2–8 Work Rows 2–8 of Wave Pattern.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 9 x 3"/23 x 7.5cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Vest is worked from side to side, allowing the wave pattern to run vertically.

2 Wavy rows are created with stitches of graduated heights, alternated with rows of single crochet stitches. The single crochet rows worked on either side of waves, are worked in the front loops only, to create ridges on the right side of the fabric that outline the waves. Single crochet rows worked through the center of a wave are worked in both loops.

BACK

With larger hook, ch 74.

Row 1 (right side) Tr in 5th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first tr), tr in next 7 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch, [sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 3 ch, dc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch] 3 times, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in last 9 ch—71 sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops only, sc in each st across.

Row 3 (waist shaping row) Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; tr in next sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 3 sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 17 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 2 sc, [tr in next sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 2 sc] 2 times.

Place marker at beginning of Row 3 for lower edge of piece. Note End of Row 3 is top of piece.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each st across.

Row 5 Repeat Row 3.

Tip

To help keep your place when working the 8-row repeat of the Wave Pattern, insert a marker at the beginning of the 8 row. Then move the marker up when you finish the next eight rows.



Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 Ch 4, turn; tr in next 8 sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc, [sc in next sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 3 sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times, sc in next sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in last 9 sc.

Row 8 Repeat Row 4.

Row 9 Repeat Row 7.

Rows 10–16 Repeat Rows 2–8.

Rows 17–32 (40, 48) Beginning with Row 1, work in Wave Pattern for 16 (24, 32) rows.

Row 33 (41, 49) Repeat Row 7.

Rows 34 (42, 50)–40 (48, 56) Repeat Rows 2–8.

Row 41 (49, 57) Repeat Row 7.

Rows 42 (50, 58)–47 (55, 63) Repeat Rows 2–7. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT

Beginning at front edge and working across to side edge, with larger hook, ch 74.

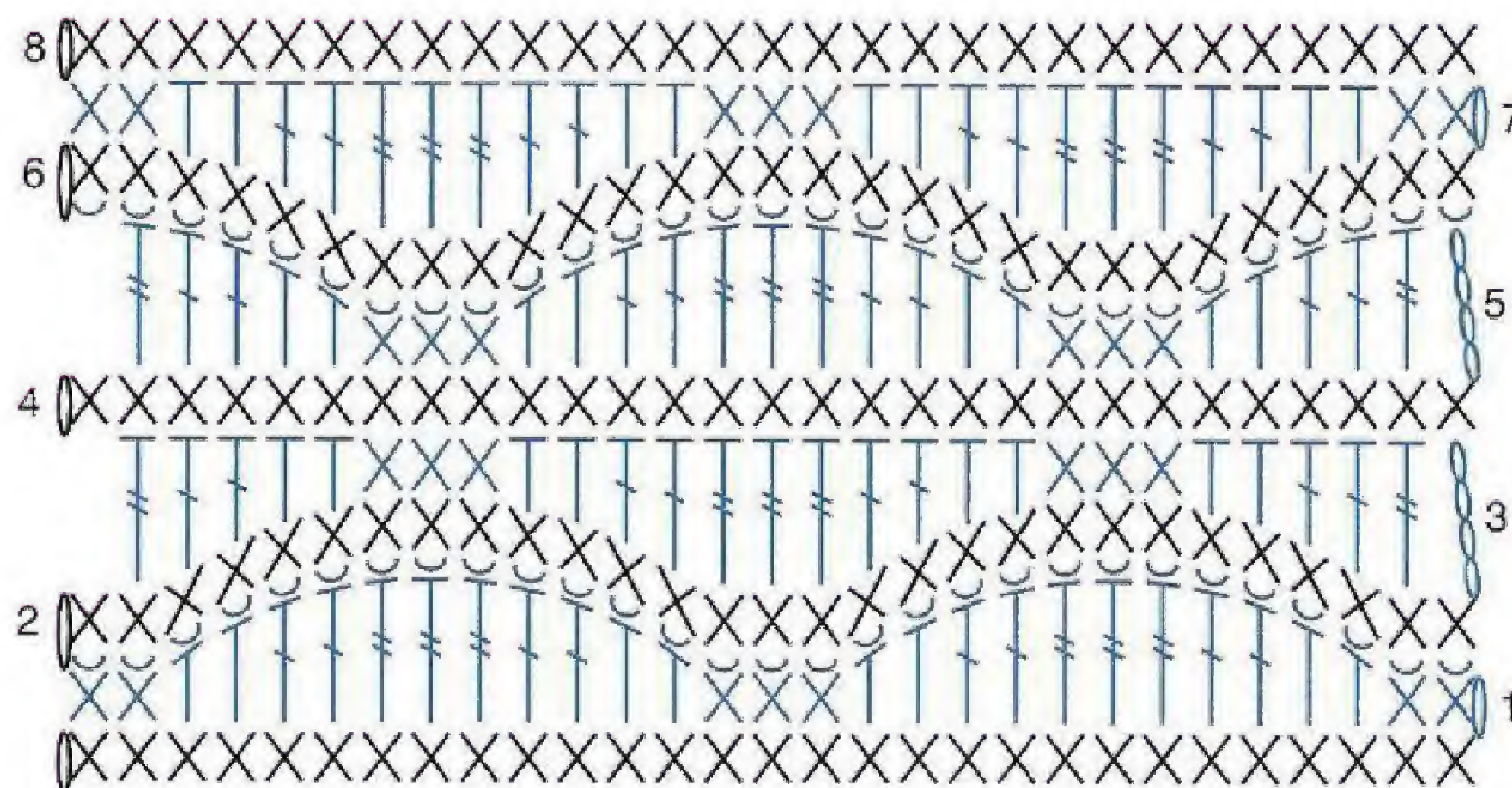
Rows 1–16 (20, 24) Work Rows 1–16 (20, 24) of Back. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

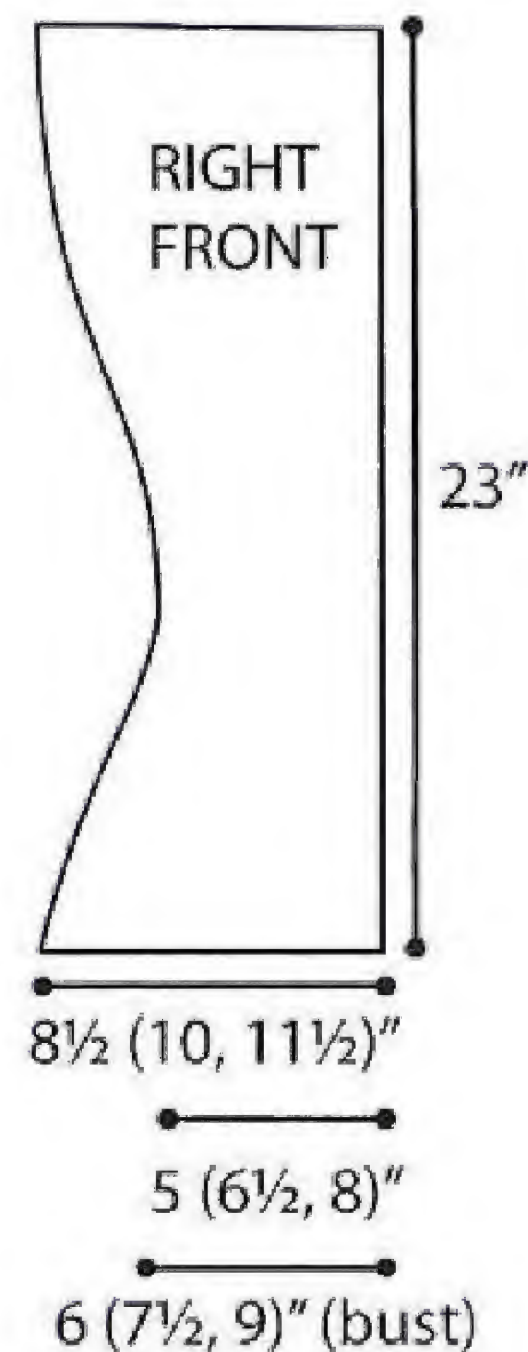
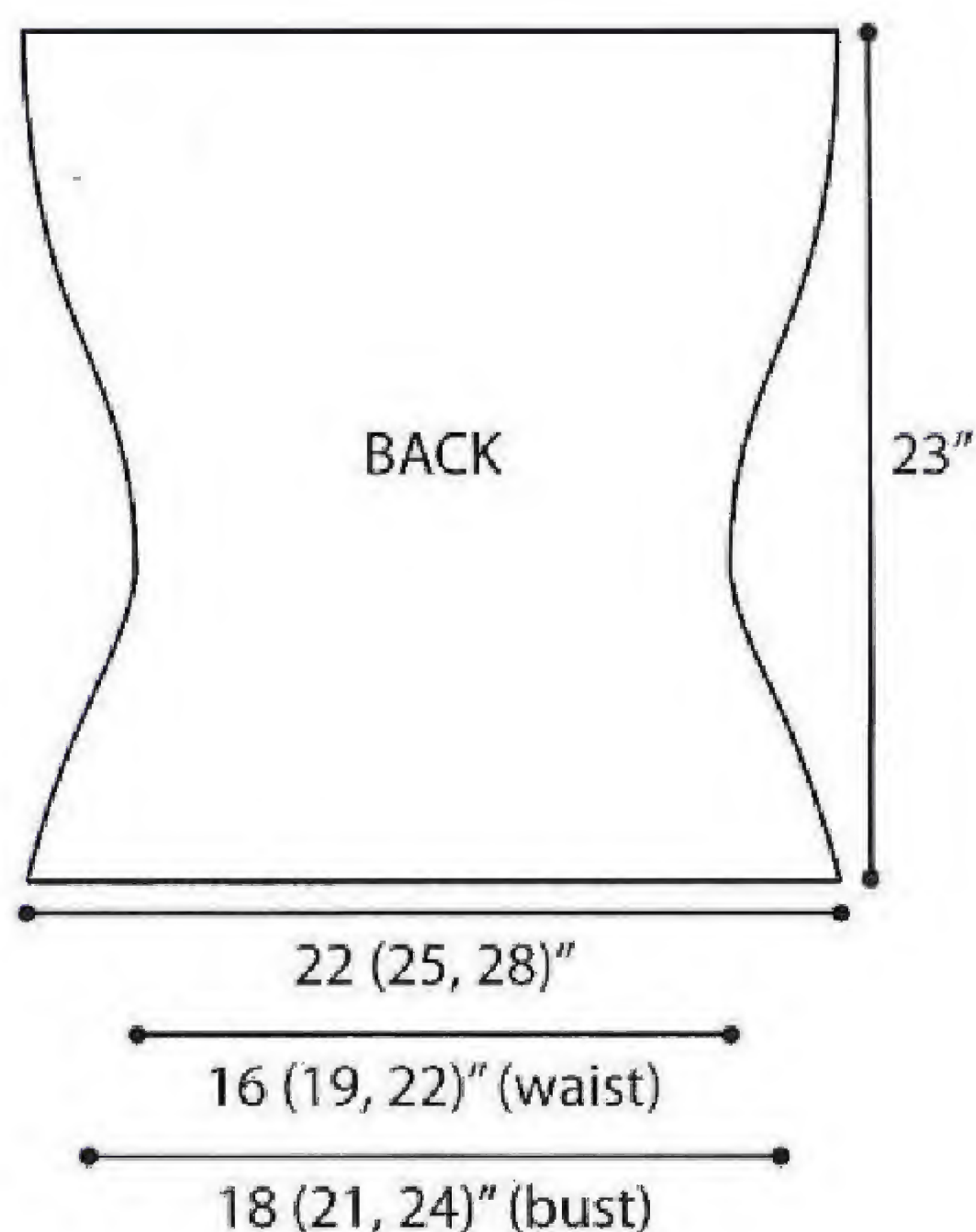
Beginning at front edge and working across to side edge, with larger hook, ch 74.

Rows 1 and 2 Work Rows 1 and 2 of back.

STITCH DIAGRAM



WAVE PATTERN



Row 3 (waist shaping row) Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; [tr in next sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 2 sc] 2 times, tr in next sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 17 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in next 3 sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, sc in next 3 sc, hdc in next 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, tr in last 2 sc.

Place marker at end of Row 3 for lower edge of piece. Note Beginning of Row 3 is top of piece.

Rows 4–8 Work Rows 4–8 of back.

Row 9 Repeat Row 7.

Rows 10–16 Repeat Rows 2–8.

Beginning with Row 1, work in Wave Pattern for 0 (4, 8) rows. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Carefully steam pieces to flatten and soften fabric.

Side Seams

Count 36 sts down from top of each piece, across side edges, and place a marker for armholes. Place right sides of back and fronts together. Sew side seams from lower edges up to markers.

Shoulder Seams

With right sides of fronts and back together, pin shoulders together, aligning the ends of the rows of the fronts and back. Working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sc at beginning of shoulder and sc evenly across to seam shoulder. Fasten off. Repeat to seam other shoulder.

Armhole Edging

With right side facing and larger hook, join yarn with sl st in first st of armhole following underarm seam.

Round 1 Ch 4, working around armhole, [sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1] 7 times, [sk next st, tr in next st, ch 1] 21 times, sk next st, *dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 2 Change to smaller hook, ch 4, [sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc] 7 times, [sk next ch-1 sp, tr in next tr, ch 1] 21 times, sk next ch-1 sp, *dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch. Fasten off. Repeat around other armhole.

Lower Edging

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in lower, front corner.

Round 1 Ch 1, working in ends of rows, work sc evenly spaced across lower edge to other lower, front corner. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

Carefully steam cuffs, lower edge, and seams. ...

Tip

The armhole depth can be altered by sewing the side seams higher or lower, as desired, and working fewer repeats of the cuff stitch pattern around the armhole.





BEADED EVENING BAG

Add a crochet touch to your holiday look with this sweet little purse!

By Kj Hay

What You'll Need

YARN

J&P COATS Royale Fashion Crochet Thread, Size 3, approx 150yd/137m each ball (mercerized cotton)

- 1 ball #201 White (A)
- 1 ball #12 Black (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size D/3 (3.25mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Purse frame—6"/15cm wide (half-round hanging bag frame with snapping, ball knob closure and loops for chain: Item #LV59 available from <http://www.lacis.com/catalog>)
- Purse chain (optional)
- 141 black glass beads—6/0 "E" beads
- 141 white glass beads—6/0 "E" beads
- 2yd wired silver ribbon—¾"-1"/19-22mm wide, cut into two 1yd/91.5cm lengths (optional)
- Dental floss threader (optional)
- Thread needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet st(s) stitch(es)

sk skip

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

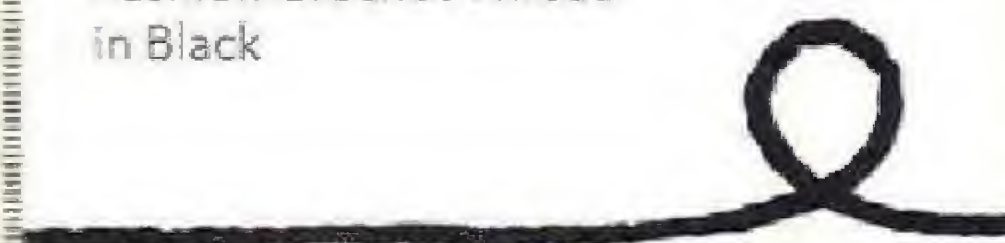
() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Bhdc (beaded half double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, slide bead close to work, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

the yarn

Fashion Crochet Thread
in Black



PATTERN STITCH

Grit Stitch (Multiple of 2 Sts)

Row 1 Ch 1, turn; *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across.

Repeat Row 1 for Grit Stitch.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 7½"/19cm wide x 7½"/19cm long (folded) at longest point, plus purse frame

GAUGE

24 sts and 28 rows = 4"/10cm square over Grit stitch.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 25.

Row 1 Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch; *sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch; repeat from * across—24 sts.

Rows 2-28 Work in Grit Stitch for 27 rows.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Bag is made in two halves. Each half is worked vertically from side edge to center edge of bag. Left and right edges of each half become front and back top edges of bag.

2 Halves are sewn together along last rows to create center vertical lines. Then seamed pieces are folded in half and top edges are wrapped around hanging bars of purse frame and sewn in place.

3 When sewn to hanging bars, top of bag will be gathered slightly.

4 Beaded rows are worked every other row, beginning with Row 3 and ending with Row 17. Beads are worked on wrong side rows, with beads appearing on right side. Push beads back along thread as you work until needed.

5 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color.

BAG

First Half

Thread 141 white beads (or a few extra, just in case) onto A, using dental floss threader, if desired.

With beaded thread, ch 71.



Row 1 (wrong side) Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, *sl st in next ch, hdc in next ch; repeat from * across—70 sts.

Row 2 (right side) Work in Grit Stitch.

Row 3 (beaded, increase row) Ch 1, turn; [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times, [sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 7 times, (sl st, Bhdc, sl st) in next hdc, place marker in last sl st made, (hdc, sl st, Bhdc) in next sl st, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st] 7 times, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times—74 sts.

Note Marker indicates where increases are to be worked. Move marker up as work progresses.

Row 4 Work in Grit Stitch.

Row 5 (beaded row) Ch 1, turn; [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to last 8 sts, [sl

st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 4 times.

Row 6 (increase row) Ch 1, turn; *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to st before marked st, (sl st, hdc, sl st) in next hdc, remove marker and replace it in next hdc made, (hdc, sl st, hdc) in next sl st, **sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from ** across—78 sts.

Row 7 (beaded row) Ch 1, turn; [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times, *sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to last 4 sts, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 2 times.

Row 8 Work in Grit Stitch.

Row 9 (beaded, increase row) Ch 1, turn; [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to marked st, (sl st, hdc, sl st) in next hdc, move marker to last sl st made, (Bhdc, sl st, hdc) in next sl st, **sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from ** across to last 6 sts, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times—82 sts.

Row 10 Work in Grit Stitch.

Row 11 (beaded row) Repeat Row 7.

Row 12 (increase row) Repeat Row 6—86 sts.

Row 13 (beaded row) Repeat Row 5.

Row 14 Work in Grit Stitch.

Row 15 (beaded, increase row) Ch 1, turn; [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times, *sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to marked st, (sl st, Bhdc, sl st) in next hdc, move marker to last sl st made, (hdc, sl st, Bhdc) in next sl st, **sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc, Bhdc in next sl st; repeat from ** across to last 6 sts, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times—90 sts.

Row 16 Work in Grit Stitch.

Row 17 (beaded row) Repeat Row 5.

Row 18 Work in Grit Stitch, changing to B in last st.

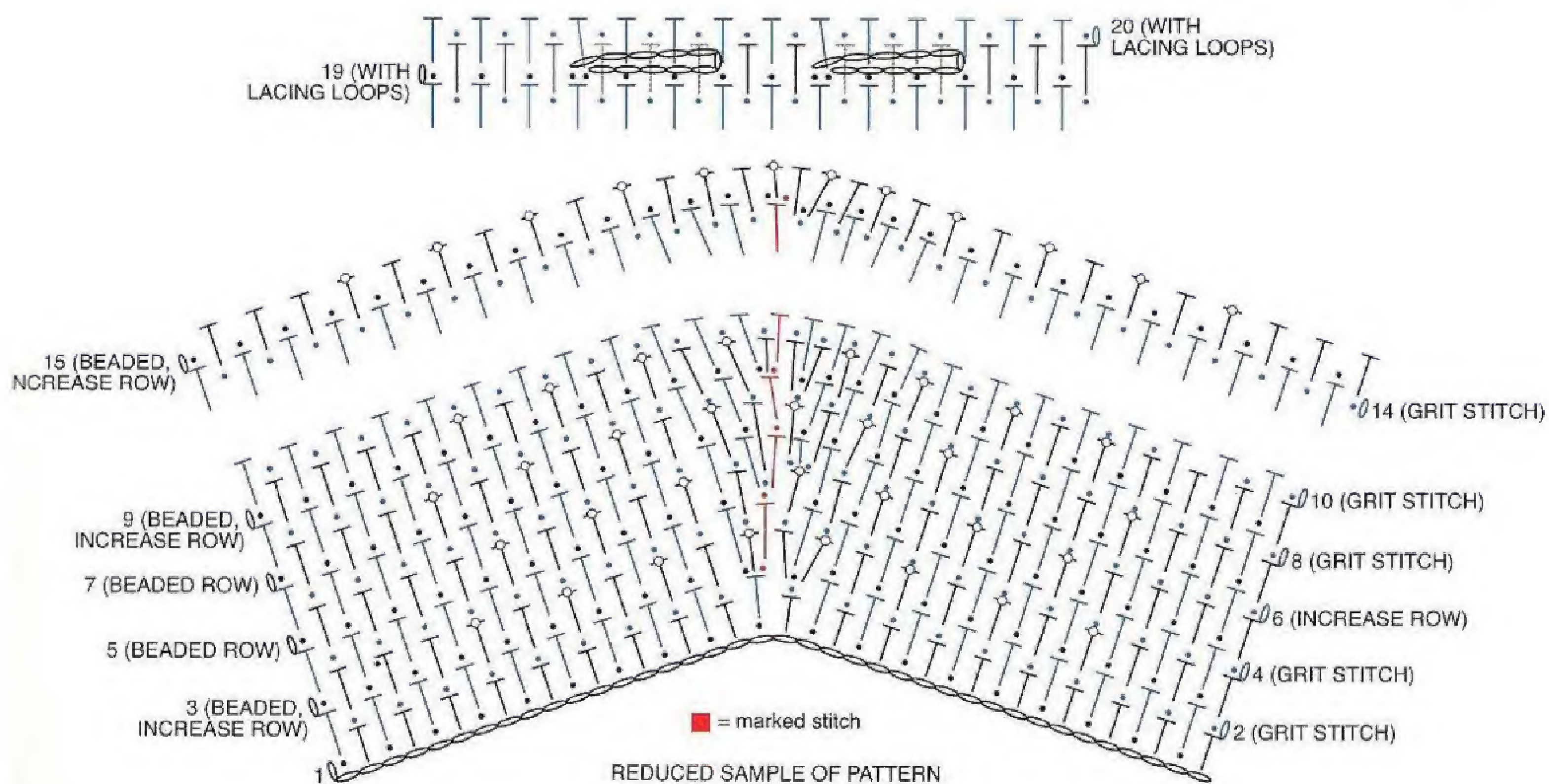
Note Row 19 can be made with or without lacing loops. Take care to follow appropriate instructions for Rows 19 and 20, depending upon whether you choose to make your bag with or without lacing loops.

Row 19 (with lacing loops) With B, ch 1, turn, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times, *(sl st, ch 11, sl st) in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] twice; sl st in next hdc inserting hook in next sl st then





STITCH DIAGRAM



through last ch-11 loop made (to anchor loop), hdc in next sl st, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] twice; repeat from * 2 more times; [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times; **[sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] twice, (sl st, ch 11, sl st) in next hdc, hdc in next sl st, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] twice; sl st in next hdc inserting hook in next sl st then through last ch-11 loop made (to anchor loop), hdc in next sl st; repeat from ** 2 more times, [sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st] 3 times—96 sts.

Row 19 (without lacing loops) Work same as Row 19 with lacing loops, except substitute "sl st" in place of each "(sl st, ch 11, sl st)"—90 sts.

Note When working next rows, take care to keep lacing loops on right side (beaded side) of fabric (if making your bag with lacing loops).

Row 20 (with lacing loops) Ch 1, turn, sl st in next hdc, *[hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 6 times, sk next sl st*; repeat from * to * 2 more times, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 11 times, sk

next sl st; repeat from * to * 2 more times, [hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc] 3 times, hdc in next sl st, changing to A in last st—90 sts.

Row 20 (without lacing loops) Work same as Row 20 with lacing loops, except omit "sk next sl st" throughout.

Rows 21–26 With A, work in Grit Stitch. Fasten off.

SECOND HALF

Make same as First Half, reversing colors and starting by threading 141 black beads (or a few extra, just in case) onto B. Do not fasten off.

JOIN HALVES

Hold both halves with right sides together, and stitches of last rows aligned. Working through both thicknesses, sl st across last rows to join halves. Fasten off. This join becomes the center vertical line on the front and back of the bag.

ASSEMBLY

Fold top edges of bag (edges of rows) about ½"/1.5cm toward inside over each purse hanging rod, and sew in place. With right sides together, sew side seams to approx ¼"/.5cm above hinge of purse frame. If your bag includes lacing loops, weave a ribbon through each set of lacing loops on front and back of bag and tie ends in a bow. Attach chain to holes on each side of purse frame (optional).

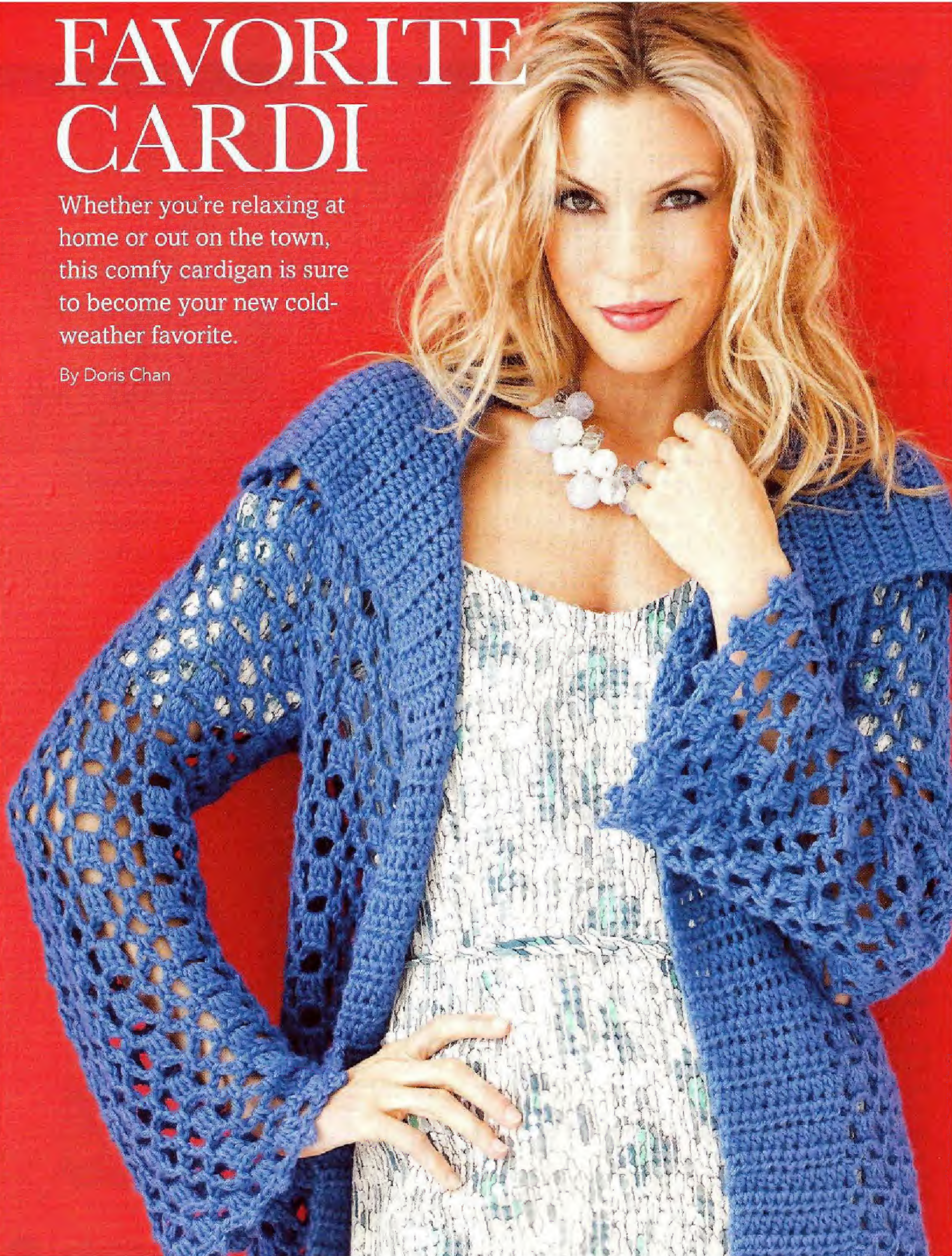
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. 

FAVORITE CARDI

Whether you're relaxing at home or out on the town, this comfy cardigan is sure to become your new cold-weather favorite.

By Doris Chan



Abbreviations

ch chain	sk skip
dc double crochet	sl st slip stitch
hdch half double crochet	sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet	st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

beg-hdc (creates an actual stitch at the beginning of a row of hdc, instead of the usual ch-2 start) Ch 2 loosely, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yarn over and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook in first hdc, yo and draw up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Fsc (foundation single crochet)

Step 1 Ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (base-ch made); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (Fsc made)

Step 2 Insert hook in base-ch of last Fsc made (be sure to insert hook under 2 loops of the base-ch (the loop at the front of face of base-ch and the loop on the bottom side of the base-ch), yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (base-ch made), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (Fsc made).

Repeat Step 2 for desired number of Fsc.

To add Fsc to a row

After completing a dc as directed, insert hook just below the top loops of the dc just made (under two forward strands of the stem), yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (base-ch made), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (Fsc made).

Repeat Step 2 of Fsc (above) for number of Fsc as directed.

picot After making a dc, ch 3, reach back and insert hook from top to bottom in the front loop of the dc just made AND in the front strand of the stem directly below, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook to complete picot.

shell (double increase shell) ([Dc, ch 3] 3 times, dc) in indicated corner sc.

V-st (increase V stitch) (Dc, ch 3, dc) in indicated corner sc.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Mystic, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 154yd/141m (acrylic/alpaca)

- 5 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8) balls #830 Cornflower

CROCHET HOOK


- Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate

1 2 3 4

the yarn 

Mystic in Cornflower



try this!

Work the cardigan in another great shade of Mystic, like #550 Grape or #440 Stone.



PATTERN STITCH

Note This is a 2-row lace repeat; a WS row of ch-3 sps, and a RS row of 3-dc blocks. Maintain the required number of hdc at each end of every row for the cardigan front bands.

Even Rows

Pattern Row A (wrong side) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in each remaining hdc of front band, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * across to next hdc, ch 1, hdc in each hdc of front band.

Pattern Row B (right side) Turn; beg-hdc

in first hdc, hdc in each remaining hdc of front band, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3; repeat from * across to last ch-3 sp, 3 dc in last ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, hdc in each hdc of front band.

Double Increase Row

Replaces Pattern Row A, creating double increases in the sc at center of each of the four corners of the yoke, adding 8 pattern repeats (or 16 ch-3 sps) to the stitch count.

Pattern Row C (wrong side) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in each remaining hdc of front band, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, *sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3; repeat from * across to next corner sc, shell in corner sc (double increase made)] 4 times, **ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from ** across to next hdc, ch 1, hdc in each hdc of front band.

Single Increase Row

Replaces Pattern Row A, creating single increases in the sc at center of each of the four corners of the yoke, adding 4 pattern repeats (or 8 ch-3 sps) to the stitch count.

Pattern Row D (wrong side) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in each remaining hdc of front band, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, *sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3; repeat from * across to next corner sc, V-st in corner sc (increase made)] 4 times, **ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from ** across to next hdc, ch 1, hdc in each hdc of front band.

SIZES

XS (S, M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

bust 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56)"/91.5 (101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142)cm, open.

length 21 (22, 22, 23, 23, 24)"/53.5 (56, 56, 58.5, 58.5, 61)cm, not including collar

Notes Finished measurements are after blocking.

GAUGE

13 sts = 4"/10cm in Fsc

13 sts = 4"/10cm and 8 rows = 4½"/11.5cm over half double crochet

4 pattern repeats = 4"/10cm and 8 rows = 4½"/11.5cm over Lace Pattern

Note Gauge is "as crocheted." Lace fabric will grow in length and narrow slightly in width when blocked to result in finished measurements.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Fsc 22. Turn foundation over so that sc edge is on top, begin work across this sc edge.

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn; beg-hdc in first sc, hdc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next sc, [ch 3, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc] 5 times, ch 1, sk next sc, hdc in last 2 sc—5 ch-3 sps.

Row 2 Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in next hdc, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3; repeat from * across to last ch-3 sp, 3 dc in last ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, hdc in last 2 hdc—three 3-dc blocks.

Row 3 Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in next hdc, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * across to next hdc, ch 1, hdc in last 2 hdc.

Rows 4–13 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 five times. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 7¼ x 7¼"/18.5 x 18.5cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

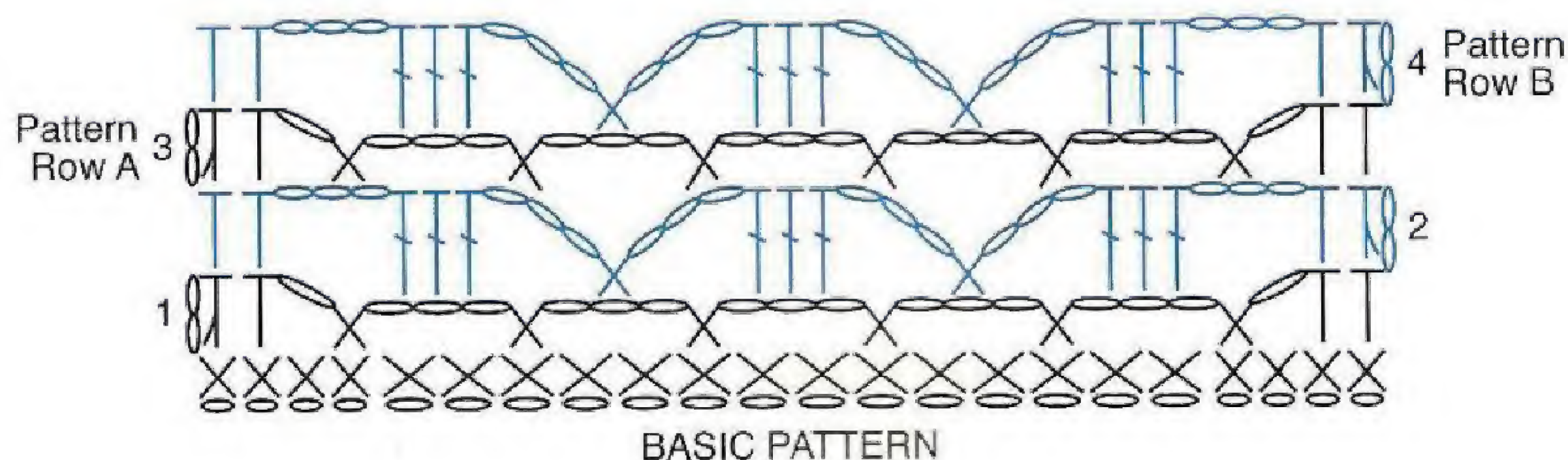
NOTES

1 To measure lace fabric, give piece a good tug in all directions, and allow stitches to snap back if they want to. Measure stitch gauge in a ch-sp row (Pattern Row A) from sc to sc; measure row gauge along a column of sc, from sc to sc. One pattern repeat consists of one sc followed by one ch-3 sp (as in Pattern Row A).

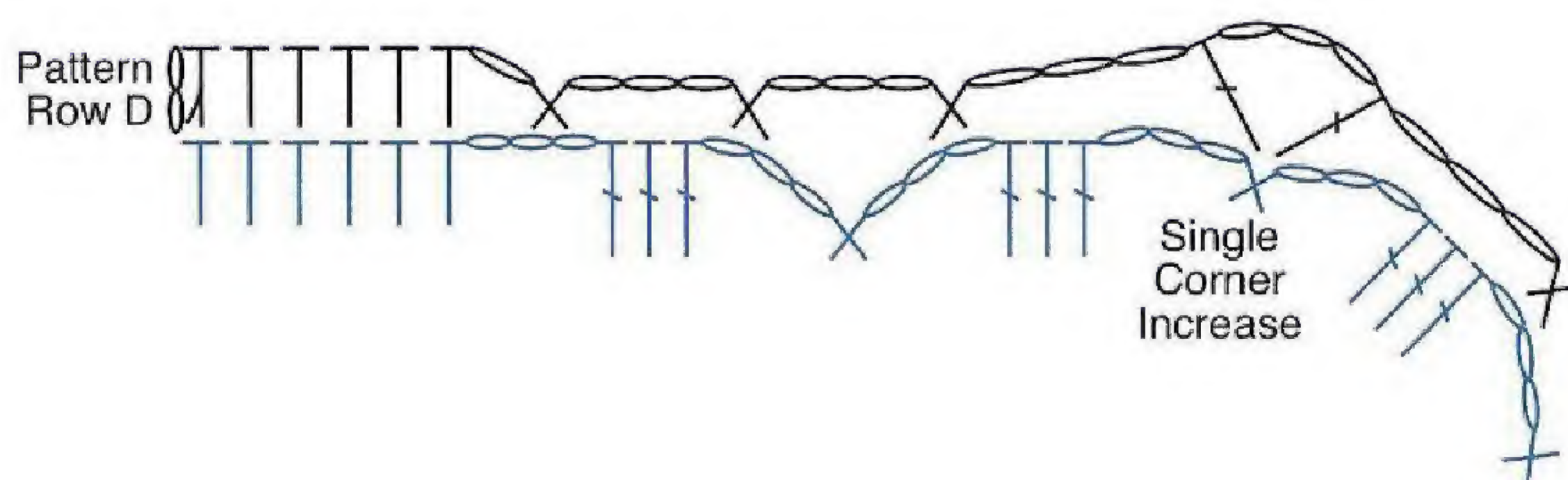
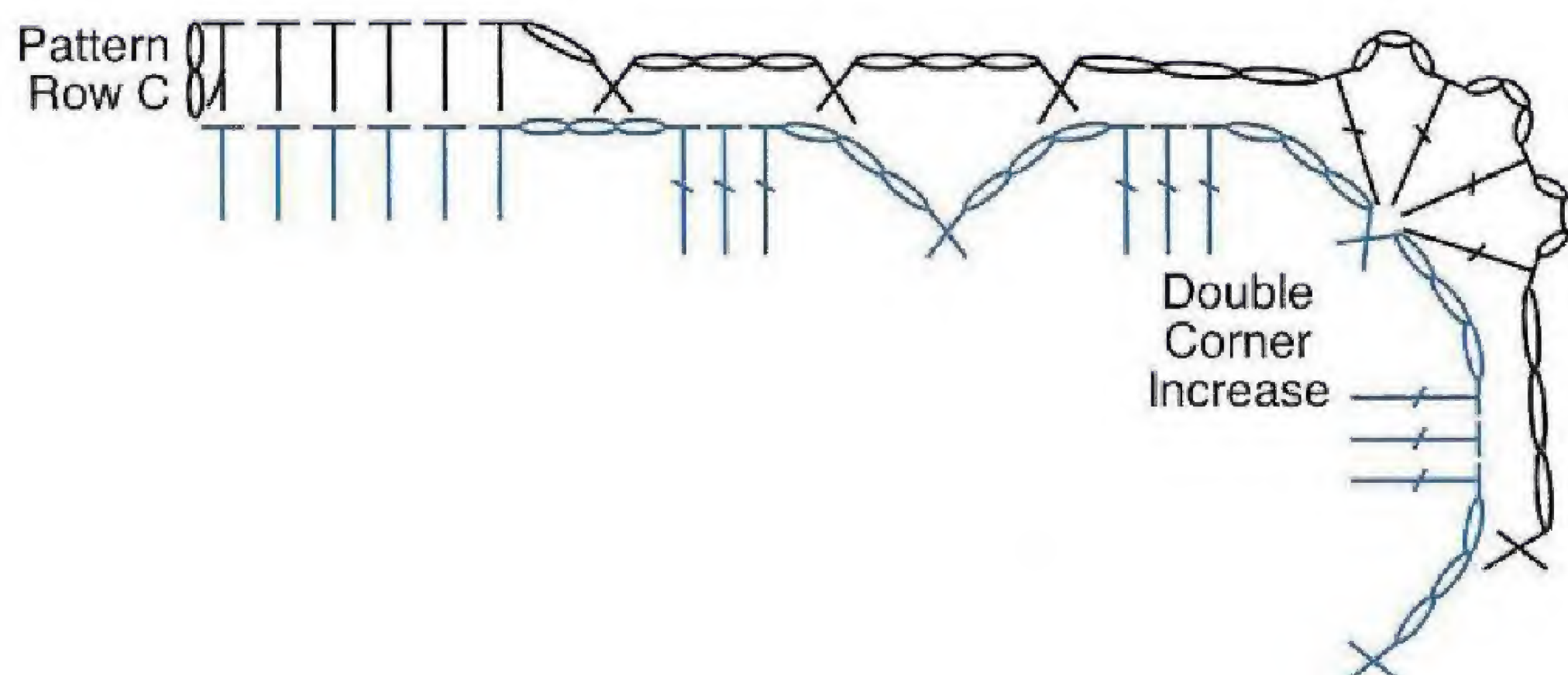
2 Cardigan is worked from collar downwards to underarms. The piece is then divided to form armholes and the body worked down to lower edge for desired length.



STITCH DIAGRAM



STITCH DIAGRAMS



3 Sleeves are worked in rounds from arm-hole downwards.

4 Ch-3 sp rows/rounds (Pattern Row A, C, or D) and 3-dc block rows/rounds (Pattern Row B) are alternated throughout. 3-dc blocks are in line with 3-dc blocks in earlier rows/rounds.

COLLAR

Fsc 64 (64, 69, 69, 80, 80). Turn foundation over so that sc edge is on top, begin work across this sc edge.

Rows 1–14 Beg-hdc in first st, hdc in each remaining st across—64 (64, 69, 69, 80, 80) hdc.

YOKE

Sizes XS (S) Only

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in next 10 hdc for front band, ch 1, sk next hdc, sc in next hdc, [ch 3, sk next 2 hdc, sc in next hdc] 13 times, ch 1, sk next hdc, hdc in last 11 hdc for front band—13 ch-3 sps, and 11 hdc in each front band.

Sizes M (L, 1X, 2X) Only

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in next 13 (13, 16, 16) hdc for front band, ch 1, sk next hdc, sc in next hdc, [ch 3, sk next 2 hdc, sc in next hdc, ch 3, sk next hdc, sc in next hdc] 7 (7, 8, 8) times, ch 3, sk next 2 hdc, sc in next hdc, ch 1, sk next hdc, hdc in last 14 (14, 17, 17) hdc for front band—15 (15, 17, 17) ch-3 sps, and 14 (14, 17, 17) hdc in each front band.

All Sizes

Row 2 (right side) Work Pattern Row B—7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 9) 3-dc blocks.

Row 3 (increase row) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in next 10 (10, 13, 13, 16, 16) hdc, ch 1, [sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3] twice, shell in next sc (corner made), ch 3, [sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3] twice, shell in next sc (corner made), ch 3, [sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3] 6 (6, 8, 8, 10, 10) times, shell in next sc (corner made), ch 3, [sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3] twice, shell in next sc

(corner made), [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 1, hdc in last 11 (11, 14, 14, 17, 17)—29 (29, 31, 31, 33, 33) ch-3 sps.

Note Mark the ch-3 sp at the center of each corner. Move markers up to the center sc or ch-3 sp at each corner, as work progresses.

Row 4 Work Pattern Row B—15 (15, 16, 16, 17, 17) 3-dc blocks.

Row 5 and 6 Work Pattern Rows A and B.

Row 7 (increase row) Work Pattern Row C—45 (45, 47, 47, 49, 49) ch-3 sps.

Row 8 Work Pattern Row B—23 (23, 24, 24, 25, 25) 3-dc blocks. **Note** There should be a sc at each of the four corners.

Rows 9 and 10 Work Pattern Rows A and B.

Size XS Only

Row 11 Work Pattern Row A—45 ch-3 sps.



Sizes S (M) Only

Row 11 (increase row) Work Pattern Row D—53 (55) ch-3 sps.

Row 12 Work Pattern Row B—27 (28) 3-dc blocks. Note There should be a 3-dc block at each of the four corners.

Row 13 Work Pattern Row A—53 (55) ch-3 sps.

Sizes L (1X, 2X) Only

Row 11 (increase row) Work Pattern Row C—63 (65, 65) ch-3 sps.

Row 12 Work Pattern Row B—32 (33, 33) 3-dc blocks. Note There should be a sc at each of the four corners.

Rows 13 and 14 Work Pattern Rows A and B.

Sizes L (1X) Only

Row 15 Work Pattern Row A—63 (65) ch-3 sps.

Size 2X Only

Row 15 (increase row) Work Pattern Row D—73 ch-3 sps.

Row 16 Work Pattern Row B—37 3-dc

blocks. Note There should be a 3-dc block at each of the four corners.

Row 17 Work Pattern Row A—73 ch-3 sps.

Join at Underarms for Body

Fronts and back are now joined, skipping armhole/sleeve stitches, to form body. When continuing Pattern Row B across a row, ensure that the 3-dc blocks are in line with the 3-dc blocks of previous rows.

Sizes XS (L, 1X) Only

Joining Row Work Pattern Row B to next marked corner ch-3 sp, *(sc, dc) in corner ch-3 sp, Fsc 5 for underarm, sk next 9 (11, 11, 13, 13, 15) ch-3 sps for armhole, (dc, sc) in next marked corner ch-3 sp*, continue Pattern Row B to next marked corner ch-3 sp, repeat from * to * across other underarm, continue Pattern Row B across—13 (18, 19) 3-dc blocks and 4 partial dc-groups at underarms.

Row 1 Work Pattern Row A to next (sc, dc) before underarm foundation, *ch 3, sk next (sc, dc), sc in next sc of foundation, ch 3, sk next 3 sc, sc in last sc of foundation, ch 3, sk next (dc, sc)*, continue Pattern Row A to next (sc, dc) before other underarm foundation, repeat from * to * across other underarm foundation, continue Pattern Row A across.

Sizes S (M, 2X) Only

Joining Row Work Pattern Row B to next marked corner ch-3 sp, *2 dc in corner ch-3 sp, Fsc 5 for underarm, sk next 11 (11, 15) ch-3 sps for armhole, 2 dc in next marked corner ch-3 sp*, continue Pattern Row B to next marked corner ch-3 sp, repeat from * to * across other underarm, continue Pattern Row B across—13 (14, 19) 3-dc blocks and 4 partial dc-groups at underarms.

Row 1 Work Pattern Row A to next 2 dc before underarm foundation, *sk next 2 dc, sc in next sc of foundation, ch 3, sk next 3 sc, sc in last sc of foundation, ch 3, sk next 2 dc*, continue Pattern Row A to next 2 dc before other underarm foundation, repeat from * to * across other underarm foundation, continue in Pattern Row A across.

All Sizes

Row 2 Work Pattern Row B—15 (17, 18, 20, 21, 23) 3-dc blocks.

Rows 3–21 Repeat Pattern Rows A and B nine times, then work Pattern Row A once more.

Note Lengthen or shorten body here, before final row, by adding or omitting repeats of Pattern Rows A and B, end by working a Pattern Row A.

Last Row (picot trim row—right side) Turn; beg-hdc in first hdc, hdc in each remaining hdc of front band, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, *(2 dc, picot, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1; repeat from * across to last ch-1 sp, sk last ch-1 sp, hdc in each hdc of front band across. Fasten off.

SLEEVES

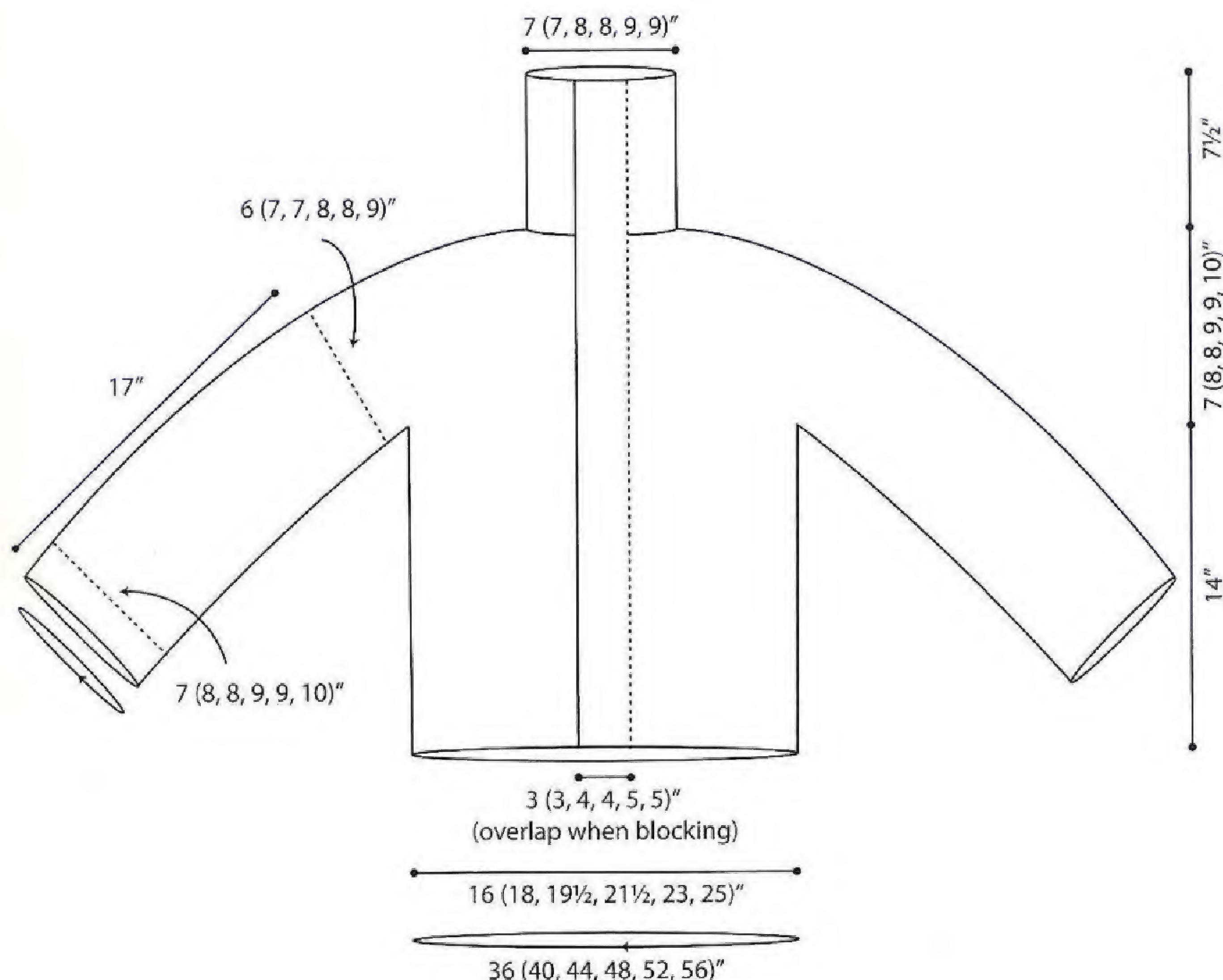
Sizes XS (L, 1X) Only

With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in dc row edge following underarm foundation.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in same row edge, ch 3, 3 dc in next skipped ch-3 sp of armhole, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, 3 dc



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in next ch-3 sp] 4 (6, 6) times, ch 3, sc in next dc row edge before underarm foundation, ch 3, sk first ch of foundation, dc in next 3 ch, sk last ch of foundation; join with ch 1, hdc in first sc (for last ch-3 sp)—6 (8, 8) 3-dc blocks.

Sizes S (M, 2X) Only

With right side facing, sk first 2 ch of underarm foundation, join yarn with sl st in 3rd ch of underarm foundation.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in same ch of underarm foundation, ch 3, sk next 2 ch, 3 dc in next dc row edge past foundation, ch 3, sc in next skipped ch-3 sp of armhole, [ch 3, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 5 (5, 7) times, ch 3, 3 dc in next dc row edge before underarm foundation;

join with ch 1, hdc in first sc (for last ch-3 sp)—7 (7, 9) 3-dc blocks.

All Sizes

Round 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-sp (formed by join), *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with ch 1, hdc in first sc (for last ch-3 sp).

Round 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first ch-sp (formed by join), ch 3, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; join with ch 1, hdc in first sc (for last ch-3 sp).

Round 4 Repeat Round 2.

Rounds 5–26 Repeat Rounds 3 and 4.

Note Lengthen or shorten sleeve here, before final row, by adding or omitting repeats of Rounds 3 and 4, end by working a Round 4.

Last Round (picot trim round—right side) Ch 3, turn; dc in first ch-sp, *ch 1, (2 dc, picot, dc) in next ch-3 sp; repeat from * around, ch 1, dc in same sp as beginning, sl st in top of turning ch, ch 3, sl st in same ch (for last picot). Fasten off.

Repeat around other armhole.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Dampen and block cardigan to schematic measurements, overlapping front bands and arranging collar in a tube as shown on schematic. Allow fabric to dry completely.





TWISTED TRELLIS WRAP

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Shimmer, 3½oz/100g balls, each approx. 280yd/256m (acrylic/polyester)

- 2 balls #1010 Snow

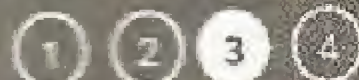
CROCHET HOOK

- Size 1/9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn



Shimmer in Snow



try this!

Add a little sparkle with
#1012 Black or #1929 Red.



Abbreviations

ch chain

sc single crochet

sk skip

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

tr2tog-first leg (first leg of treble crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over] twice, insert hook in indicated stitch and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (2 loops remain on hook).

tr2tog-2nd leg (second leg of treble crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over] twice, insert hook in indicated stitch and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (3 loops remain on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook (tr2tog complete).

dtr2tog-2nd leg (second leg of double treble crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over] 3 times, insert hook in indicated stitch and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times (3 loops remain on hook), yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook (dtr2tog complete).

sl st slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

tr treble crochet

Top off a bare-shouldered look with this gorgeous cover-up.

By Elena Malo

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Wrap measures approximately 22"/56cm wide (measured side to side across rectangle) and 44"/112cm circumference

GAUGE

5 pattern repeats = 11"/28cm; 5 rows = 5"/12.5cm over pattern stitch.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 27.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of wrap—5 pattern repeats.

Rows 2–5 Repeat Rows 2 and 3 of wrap twice. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 11 x 5"/28 x 12.5cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

Wrap is worked lengthwise. The rectangle is then twisted and the first and last rows joined for back seam.

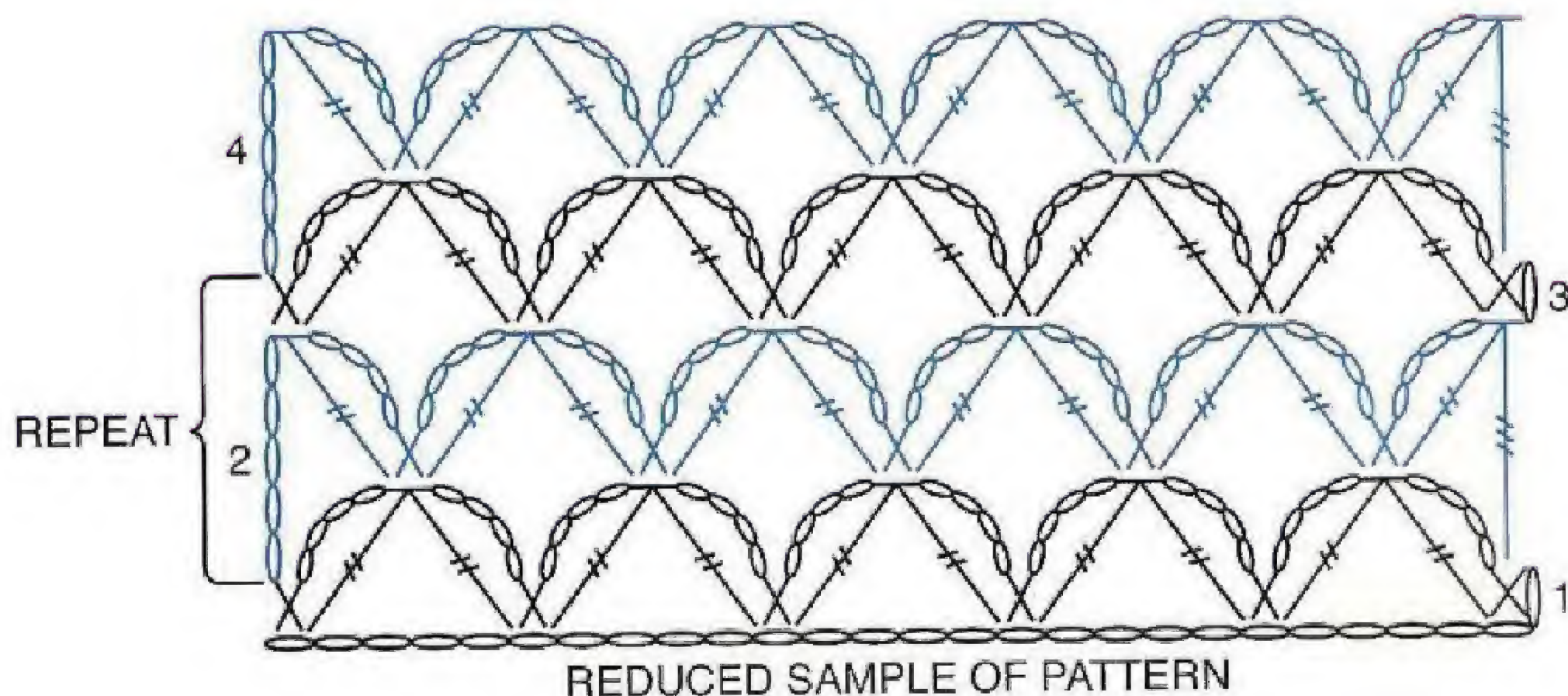
WRAP

Ch 52, loosely.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 4, tr2tog-first leg in same ch as last sc made, sk next 4 ch, tr2tog-2nd leg in next ch, ch 4, sc in same ch as last tr2tog-2nd leg made; repeat from * across—10 pattern repeats.



STITCH DIAGRAM



Row 2 Ch 5, turn; (tr, ch 4, sc) in first tr2tog, *ch 4, tr2tog-first leg in same st as last sc made, tr2tog-2nd leg in next tr2tog, ch 4, sc in same st as last tr2tog-2nd leg made; repeat from * to last ch-4 sp, ch 4, tr2tog-first leg in same st as last sc made, dtr2tog-2nd leg in last sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, *ch 4, tr2tog-first leg in same st as last sc made, tr2tog-2nd leg in next tr2tog, ch 4, sc in same st as last tr2tog-2nd leg made; repeat from * across. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 44"/112cm from beginning, end by working a Row 3. Do not fasten off.

Joining Row Lay piece flat, pick up first row and turn it over to place one twist in the rectangle. Bring first row up to meet last row (take care not to untwist the rectangle); working across last row and opposite side of foundation ch, ch 5, remove loop from hook, insert hook in first ch of foundation ch (at base of sc), pick up dropped loop and draw through ch, tr in first tr2tog of last row, drop loop from hook, insert hook in same foundation ch, pick up dropped loop and draw through ch, ch 4, sc in same st as last tr made, *ch 4, tr2tog-first leg in same st as last sc made, tr2tog-2nd leg in next tr2tog of last row, drop loop from hook, insert hook in foundation ch at base of next sc, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 4, sc in same st as last tr2tog-2nd leg made; repeat from * across to last ch-4 sp, ch 4, tr2tog-first leg in same st as last sc made, dtr2tog-2nd leg in last sc of last row, drop loop from hook, insert hook in last foundation ch, pick up dropped loop and draw through. Do not fasten off.

FINISHING

Edging Working around edges, *sc in end of next row, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends. ...

Tip

To find the right length for your wrap, wrap a measuring tape loosely around your back, arms, and front.

Pinwheel Afghan

Join-as-you-go triangles make up large pinwheel squares in this interesting blanket. The geometric design will never go out of style!

By Ann Regis





What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g skeins, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 3 skeins #365 Coffee (A)
- 1 skein #336 Warm Brown (B)
- 1 skein #334 Buff (C)

RED HEART Fiesta, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 316yd/289m (acrylic/nylon)

- 4 skeins #6520 Celestial (D)
- 2 skeins #6335 Tapestry (E)

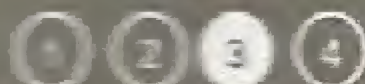
CROCHET HOOK

- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s)	sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet	sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet	st(s) stitch(es)
sk skip	

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

the yarn 649

Super Saver in Coffee



Fiesta in Celestial



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 62"/157.5cm square

GAUGE

Square = 10"/25.5cm x 10"/25.5cm

Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

AFGHAN

Pinwheel Square #1 (Make 20)

First Triangle

With E, ch 5, join with sl st to form a ring.

Row 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 4 dc in ring—5 dc. Insert a stitch marker on right side of Row 1 to mark right side of square.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc, [dc in sp between next 2 dc] 2 times, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc—7 dc.

Rows 3–10 Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc; *dc in sp between next 2 dc; repeat from * across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc—2 more dc in each row. At end of Row 10—23 dc. Fasten off.

2nd Triangle

Row 1 (right side) With right side facing, join D with sl st in ring at beginning of First Triangle (to left of First Triangle), ch 3, sl st in edge of Row 1 on First Triangle, 4 dc in ring—5 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc, *dc in sp between next 2 dc; repeat from * across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc, sl st in edge of next row on First Triangle—7 dc.

Row 3 Ch 3, sl st in edge of next row on First Triangle, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc; *dc in sp between next 2 dc; repeat from * across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc—9 dc.

Rows 4–10 Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 3 more times, then repeat Row 2 once more—2 more dc in each row. At end of Row 10—23 dc. Fasten off.

Half Square

Row 1 (right side) With right side facing, join A with sl st in ring at beginning of First Triangle (to left of 2nd Triangle), ch 3, sl st in edge of Row 1 on 2nd Triangle, 9 dc in ring, sl st in edge of Row 1 on First Triangle—10 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3, sl st in edge of next row on First Triangle, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc, [dc in sp between next 2 dc] 2 times, [2 dc in sp between next 2 dc] 2 times, insert stitch marker in last dc worked, [dc in sp between next 2 dc] 3 times, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc, sl st in edge of next row on 2nd Triangle—14 dc.

Row 3 Ch 3, sl st in edge of next row on 2nd Triangle, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc, *dc in sp between next 2 dc*; repeat from * to * across to marked dc, 2 dc in sp after marked dc, 2 dc in sp between next 2 dc, insert stitch marker in last dc worked; repeat from * to * across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc, sl st in edge of next row on First Triangle—18 dc.

Row 4 Ch 3, sl st in edge of next row on First Triangle, turn; 2 dc in sp between first 2 dc, *dc in sp between next 2 dc*; repeat from * to * across to marked dc, 2 dc in sp after marked dc, 2 dc in sp between next 2 dc, insert stitch marker in last dc worked; repeat from * to * across to last 2 dc, 2 dc in sp between last 2 dc, sl st in edge of next row on 2nd Triangle—22 dc. Do not turn.

Rows 5–10 Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 3 more times—4 more dc in each row. At end of Row 10—46 dc. Fasten off.

--- -- This is a great throw for a neutral room or as a gift for a guy!

**Pinwheel Square #2 (Make 16)**

Work same as Pinwheel Square 1, using C for First Triangle, B for 2nd Triangle and D for Half Square.

ASSEMBLY

With right sides facing and referring to assembly diagram throughout, sew Pinwheel Squares #1 together in groups of 4 squares to make 5 large squares and Pinwheel Squares #2 together in groups of 4 squares to make 4 large squares. Sew large squares together into 3 rows with 3 large squares in each row.

EDGING

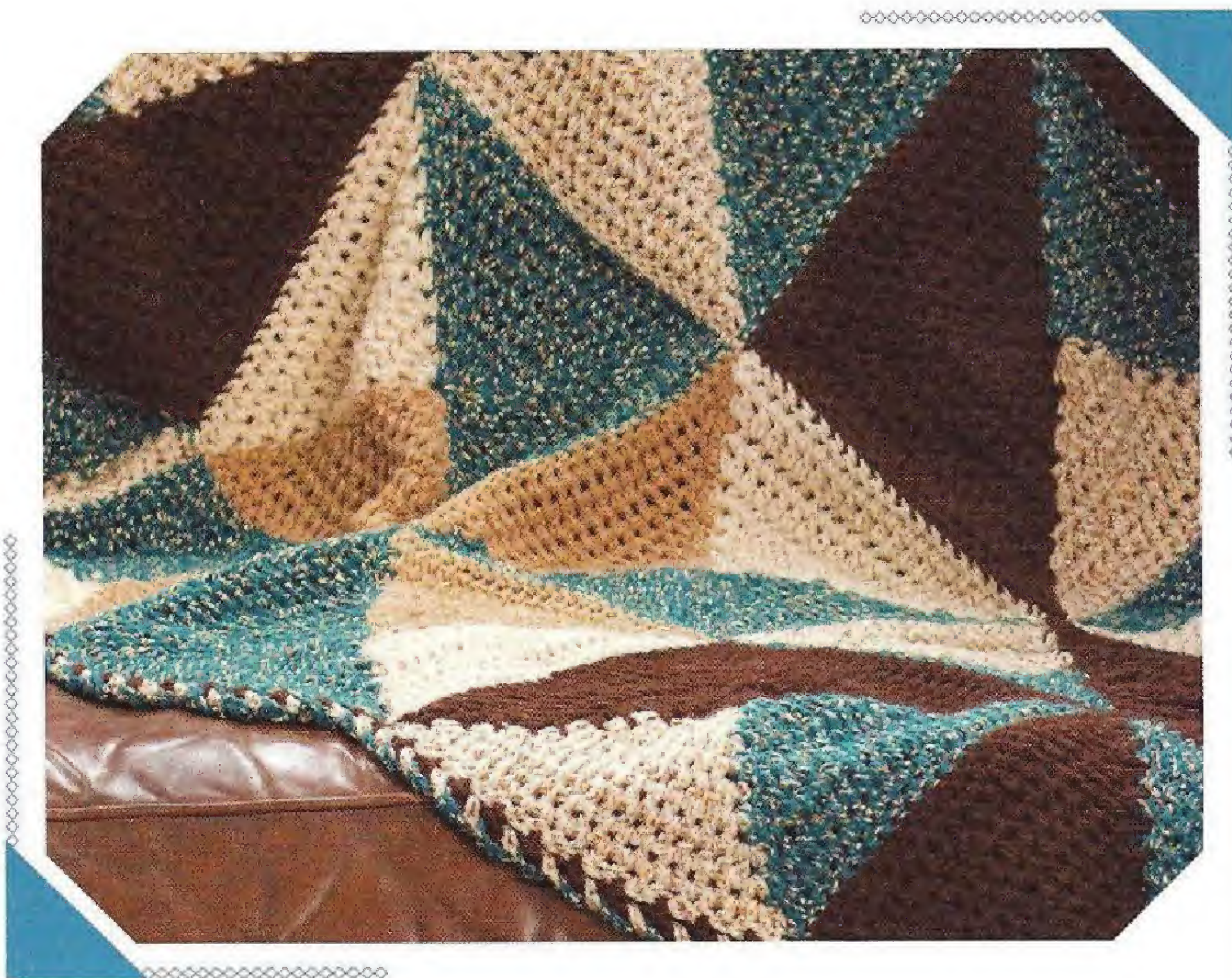
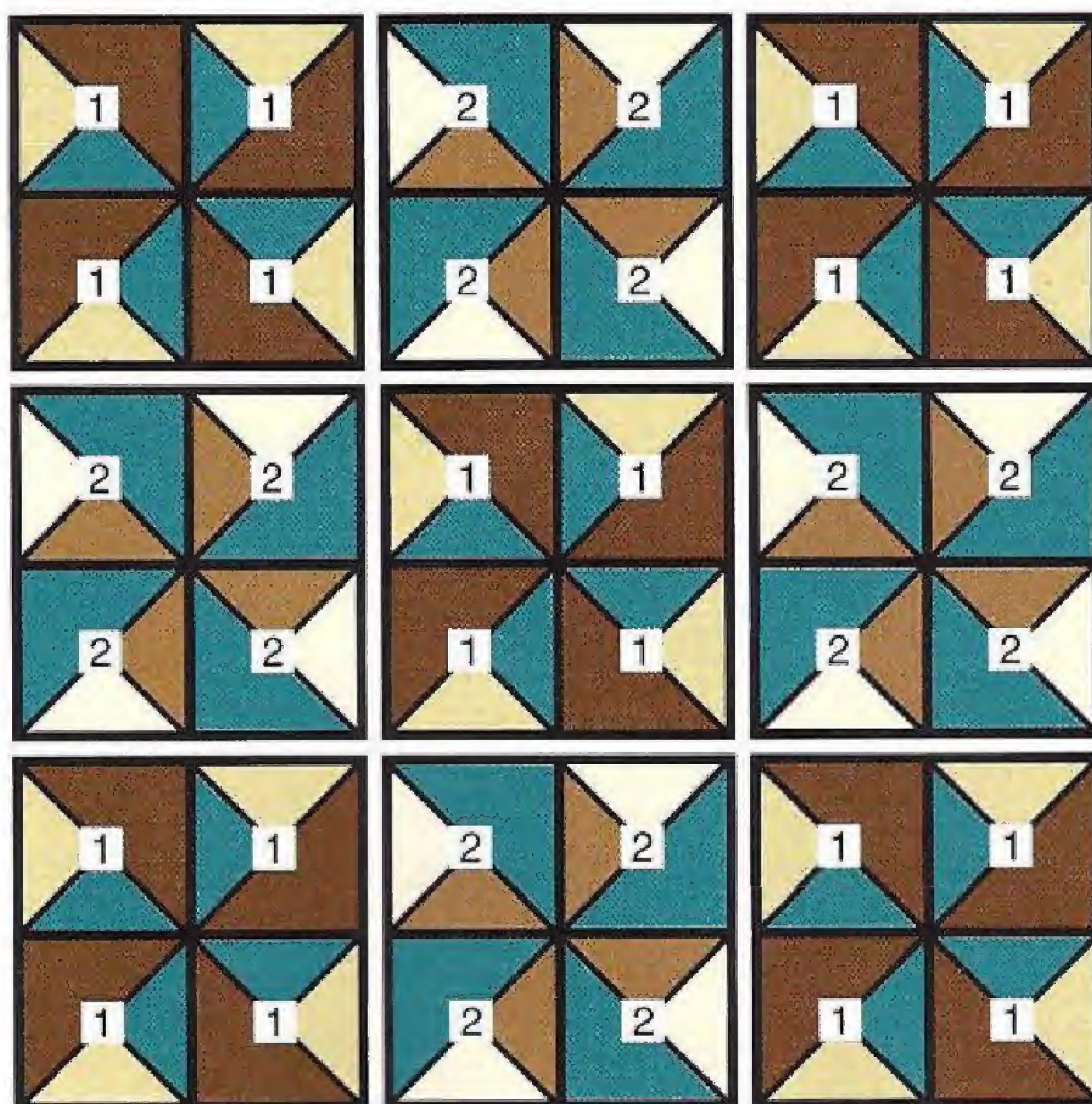
Round 1 With right side facing, join A with sl st in any corner dc, *ch 3, sk next dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * around; ch 3, sk next dc, join with sl st in beginning sl st. Fasten off.

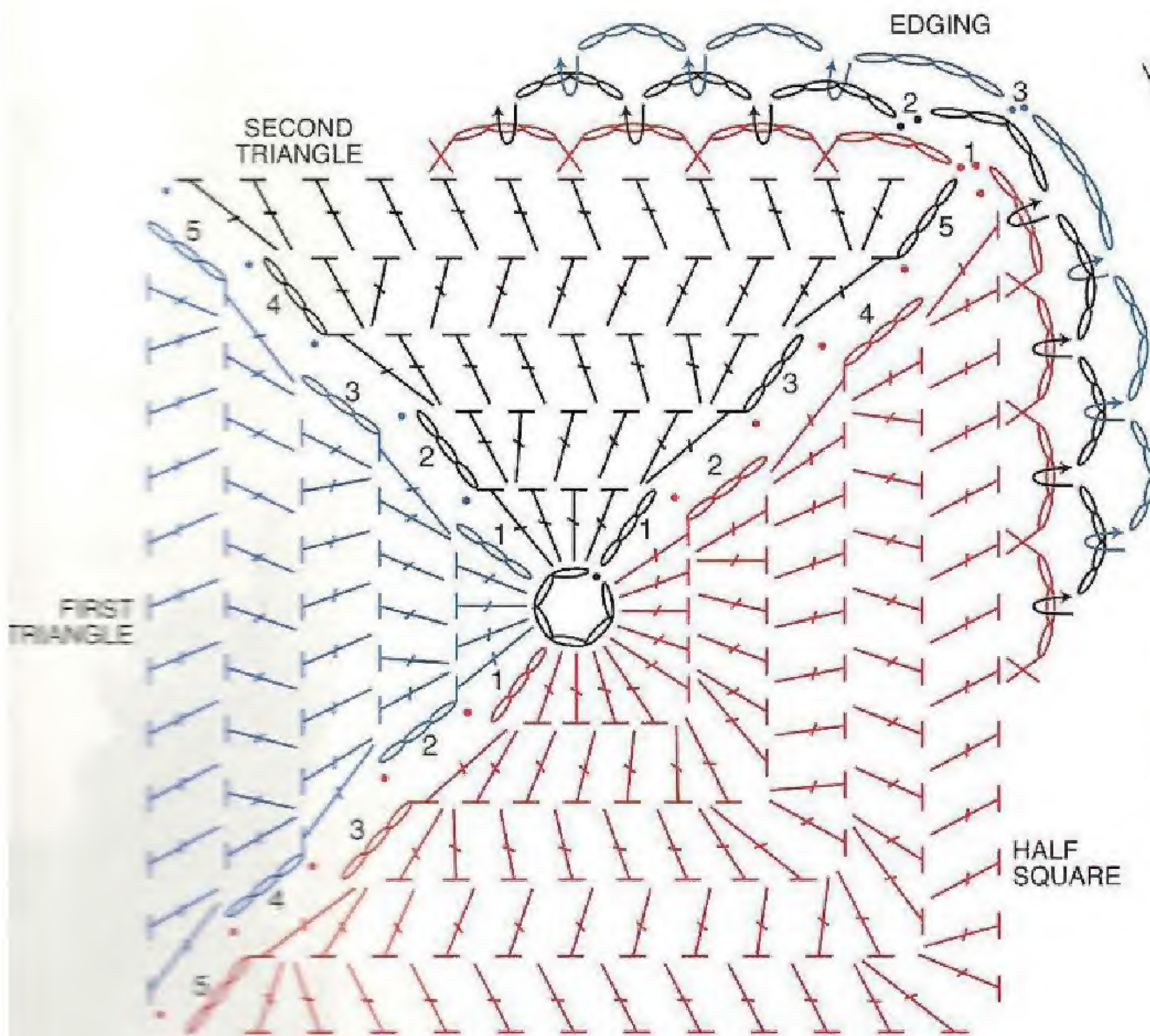
Round 2 With right side facing, join E with sl st in any ch-3 sp, *ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in next ch-3 sp, insert hook in dropped loop and draw loop through ch-3 sp; repeat from * around; ch 4; join with sl st in beginning sl st. Fasten off.

Round 3 With right side facing, join D with sl st in any ch-4 sp, *ch 4, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in next ch-4 sp, insert hook in dropped loop and draw loop through ch-4 sp; repeat from * around; ch 4; join with sl st in beginning sl st. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wet block afghan (see page 18).

**CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAM**



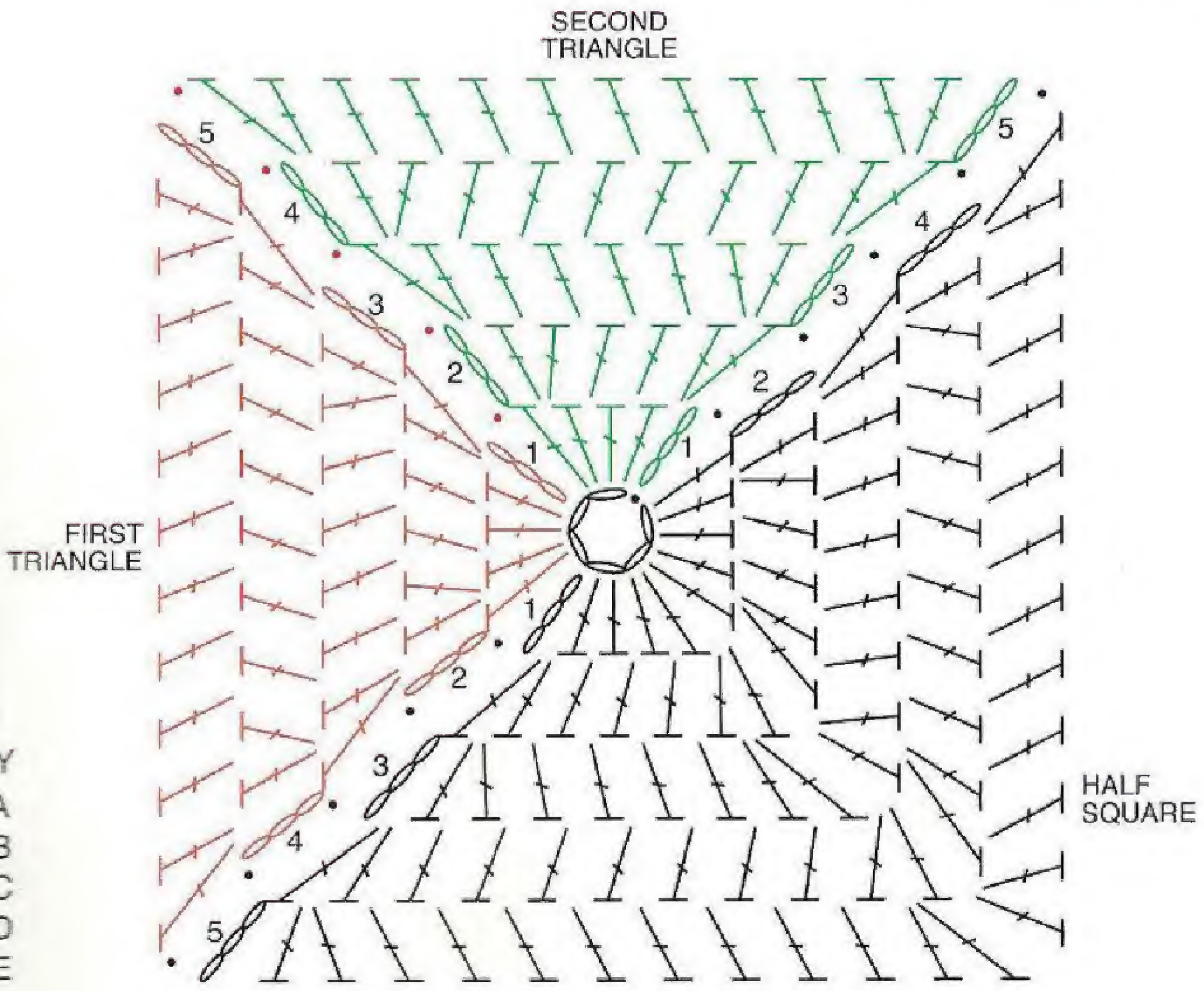
SQUARE #1 DIAGRAM



SQUARE #2 DIAGRAM

Use this pattern to make a baby blanket—just make fewer squares and switch to baby colors.

- COLOR KEY
- = Color A
 - = Color B
 - = Color C
 - = Color D
 - = Color E







Triangles Throw

Thick, fluffy yarn makes this blanket delightfully soft and very quick to stitch!

By Kim Kotary

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Light & Lofly, 6oz/170g skeins, each approx 140yds/128m (acrylic)

- 5 skeins #9380 Antique Blue (A)
- 4 skeins #9334 Café Au Lait (B)

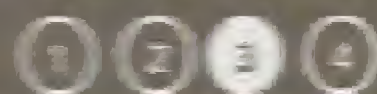
CROCHET HOOK

- Size M/15 (10mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) **sk** skip
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
hdc half double crochet **tr** treble crochet
sc single crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

wedge Ch 5, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch.

tr2tog (treble crochet 2 stitches together)

*Yarn over twice, insert hook in first indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 2 times; repeat from * once in 2nd indicated st; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 48"/122cm high x 56"/142cm wide

GAUGE

2 wedges and 4 rows in pattern = 4½"/11.5cm wide x 4¾"/12cm high

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 12.

Row 1 Work same as Row 1 in pattern—2 wedges.

Row 2 Ch 5, turn; working in chs at base of wedges, sc in skipped ch at tip of first wedge; *sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch*, tr in next ch, sk sc between wedges, sc in skipped ch at tip of next wedge; repeat from * to * once; tr2tog in last ch and in last sc—10 sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in top of tr2tog, work wedge, sk next 3 sts, sc in next sc, work wedge, sk next 4 sts, sc in next sc—2 wedges.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4½"/11.5cm wide x 4¾"/12cm high. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

the yarn



Light & Lofly in Antique Blue



NOTES

- 1 Leave an 8"/20cm tail at beginning and end of each row for fringe.
- 2 To join with sc, make a slipknot and place on hook, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

AFGHAN

With A, ch 127.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *work wedge, sk next 4 chs, sc in next ch; repeat from * across—25 wedges.

Row 2 Ch 5, turn; changing to B in last ch. Fasten off A. With B, working in chs at base of wedges, sc in skipped ch at tip of first wedge, *sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch**, tr in next ch, sk sc between wedges, sc in skipped ch at tip of next wedge; repeat from * across, ending last repeat at **; tr2tog in last ch and in last sc—125 sts. Fasten off B.

Row 3 With right side facing, join A with sc in top of tr2tog, work wedge, sk next 3 sts, sc in next sc; *work wedge, sk next 4 sts, sc in next sc; repeat from * across—25 wedges.

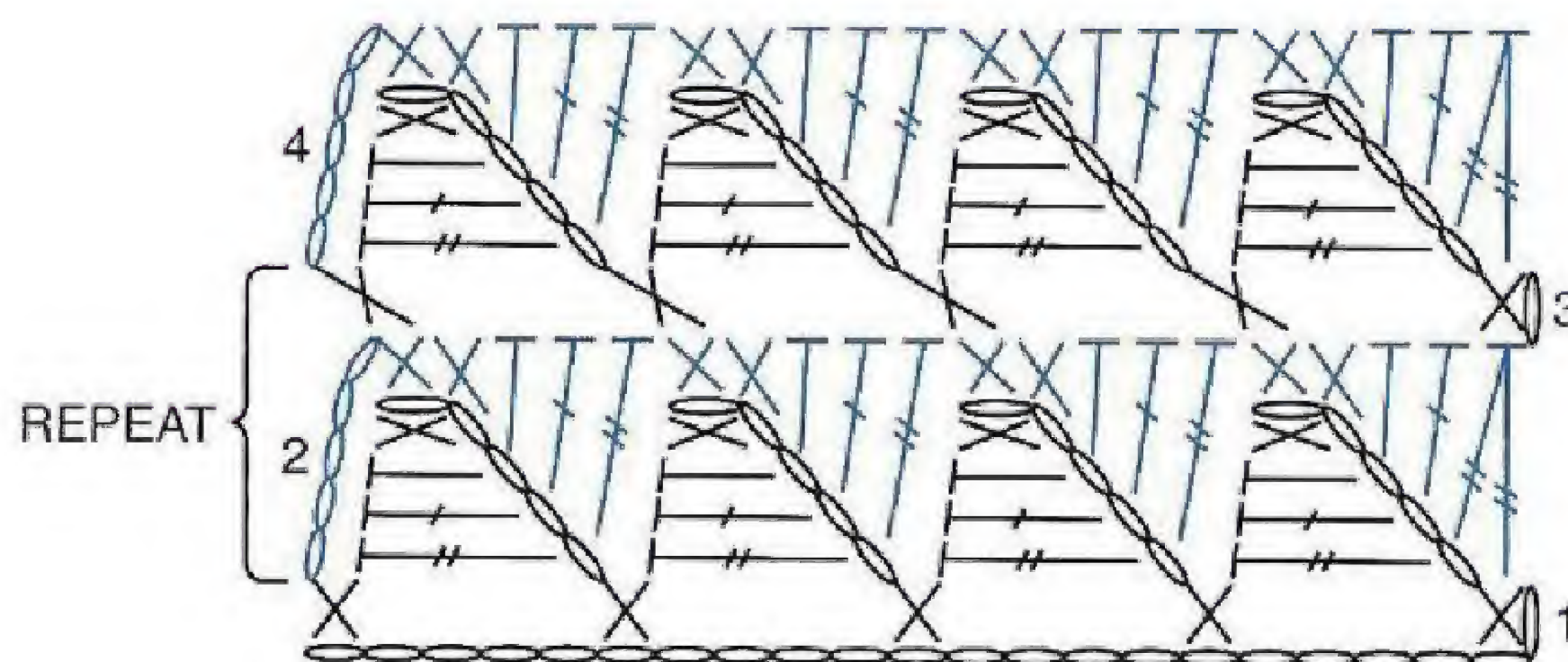
Rows 4–40 Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 18 more times, then repeat Row 2 once more

FRINGE

Tie tails together in pairs along both edges of afghan. Cut strands from A and B approx 18"/45.5cm long. For each fringe, hold 1 strand of each color together and fold strands in half. Use crochet hook to draw fold through edge of afghan near tails, forming a loop. Pull ends of fringe and tails through loop. Pull ends and tails to tighten fringe. Use extra strands at corners, if needed, so there are 6–7 ends in each fringe. Trim fringe evenly to approx 5½"/14cm long, or to desired length.

Cold winter nights are made warm with this snuggly blanket!

STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN





Lacy Shells Blankie

This quick and easy baby blanket is a snap to crochet—self-stripping yarn does all the work! It makes a wonderful keepsake gift. By Marty Miller

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Sweet Baby, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 278yds/254m (acrylic)

- 4 skeins #7855 Wading Pool

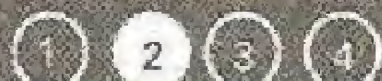
CROCHET HOOK

- Size I/9 (5.50mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
sc single crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sk skip

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

beginning sh (beginning shell) Dc in 4th ch from hook and in next 2 chs.

sh (shell) Work (sc, ch 3, 3 dc) in indicated sp or st.

L-sh (lacy shell) Work (sc, ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated sp or st.

the yarn



Sweet Baby in Wading Pool



NOTES

1 When starting a new skein, start new skein with same color in which old skein ended. You should have enough yarn for this with 4 skeins.

2 Work blanket from one corner to opposite corner.

3 Row 1 does not have to be right side of blanket. Last row and border are right side.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 33½"/85cm square

GAUGE

7 rows in pattern = 3¼"/8.5cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 6.

Row 1 Work beginning sh—1 beginning sh.

Row 2 Ch 6, turn; work beginning sh, sh in ch-3 sp at beginning of last row—1 beginning sh and 1 sh.

Row 3 Ch 6, turn; work beginning sh, L-sh in

next ch-3 sp, sh in last ch-3 sp—1 beginning sh, 1 L-sh, and 1 sh.

Row 4 Ch 6, turn; work beginning sh, L-sh in next 2 ch-3 sps, sh in last ch-3 sp—1 beginning sh, 2 L-shs, and 1 sh.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 dc, sh in first ch-3 sp, L-sh in next ch-3 sp, sh in next ch-3 sp; join with sl st in last ch-3 sp—2 shs and 1 L-shs.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 dc, sh in first 2 ch-3 sps; join with sl st in last ch-3 sp—2 shs.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 dc, sh in first ch-3 sp; join with sl st in last ch-3 sp—1 sh. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 3¼"/8.5cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

BLANKET

Ch 6.

Row 1 Work beginning sh—1 beginning sh.

Row 2 Ch 6, turn; work beginning sh, sh in ch-3 sp at beginning of last row—1 beginning sh and 1 sh.



Tip

For a larger or smaller blanket, work more or fewer multiples of Rows 4 and 41.

Row 3 Ch 6, turn; work beginning sh, L-sh in next ch-3 sp, sh in last ch-3 sp—1 beginning sh, 1 L-sh and 1 sh.

Row 4 Ch 6, turn; work beginning sh, L-sh in each ch-3 sp across to last ch-3 sp, sh in last ch-3 sp—1 beginning sh, 2 L-shs and 1 sh.

Rows 5–40 Repeat Row 4, 36 more

times—1 more L-sh in each row. At end of Row 40—1 beginning sh, 38 L-shs and 1 sh.

Row 41 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 dc, sh in first ch-3 sp, L-sh in each ch-3 sp across to last 2 ch-3 sps, sh in next ch-3 sp; join with sl st in last ch-3 sp—2 shs and 37 L-shs.

Rows 42–77 Repeat Row 41, 36 more times—1 less L-sh in each row. At end of Row 77—2 shs and 1 L-sh.

Row 78 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 dc, sh in first 2 ch-3 sps; join with sl st in last ch-3 sp—2 shs.

Row 79 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 dc, sh in first ch-3 sp; join with sl st in last ch-3 sp—1 sh. Do not fasten off.

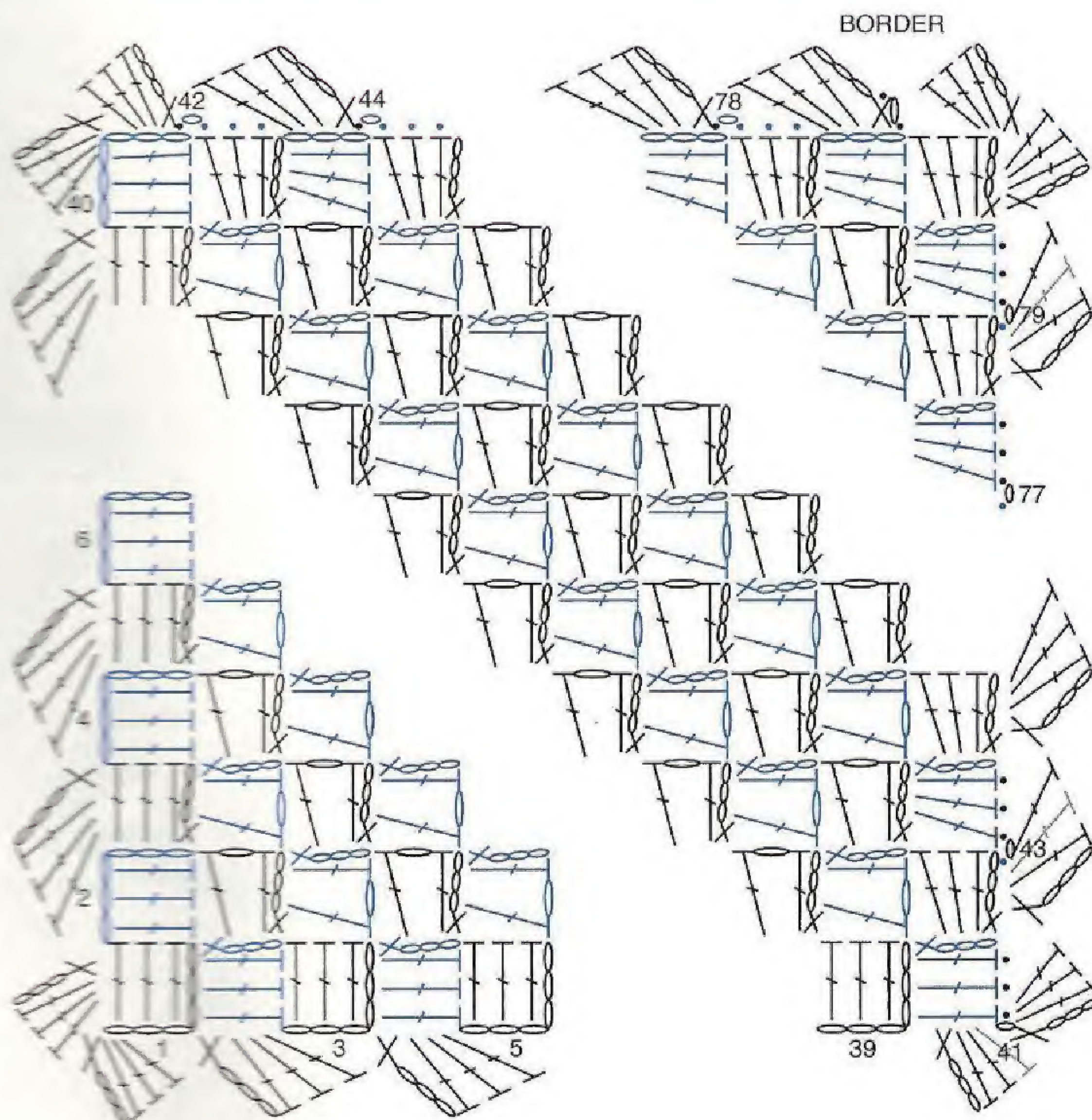
Border

Ch 1, do not turn; sh in same ch-sp as joining, sk next row, *sh in ch-3 sp on next row, sk next row; repeat from * across to next corner; 2 sh in ch-3 sp in corner*; working along next edge, sk first row, **sh around post of last dc on next row, sk next row; repeat from ** across to next corner; 2 sh around post of last dc in corner**; working along next edge, sk first row; repeat from ** to **; working along last edge, sk first row; repeat from * to *, sk next row; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. ...

STITCH DIAGRAM



Building Blocks Blanket

Sweet pastel motifs make an adorable afghan for little one.
Stitch this versatile pattern in any combination of colors!

By Jennifer J. Cirka



What You'll Need

YARN

TLC Baby, 6oz/170g balls, each approx 490yd/448m (acrylic)

- 2 balls #5322 Powder Yellow (A)
- 1 ball #5545 Powder Lilac (B)
- 1 ball #5935 Clear Blue (C)

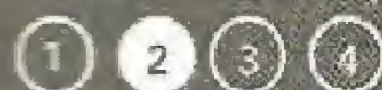
CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s)

sc single crochet

sk skip

sl st slip stitch

sp(s) space(s)

st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into st or sp indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sp-st (spike stitch) Insert hook in st 2 rows directly below next st, yarn over and draw up a loop to height of sc, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook. Sk st behind sp-st.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 38"/96.5cm long x 33½"/85cm wide

GAUGE

Motif = 4½"/11.5cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

AFGHAN

Motif 1 (Make 28)

With A, ch 6; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, [3 sc, ch 2] 4 times in ring; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc and 4 ch-2 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 2 sc, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, [sc in next 3 sc, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp] 3 times; join with sl st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 3 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 3 sc, 3 sc in next sc, [sc in next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in last sc; join with sl st in first sc—32 sc.

Round 4 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 4 sc, 3 sc in next sc, [sc in next 7 sc, 3 sc

in next sc] 3 times, sc in last 2 sc; join with sl st in first sc—40 sc.

Round 5 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 5 sc, 3 sc in next sc, [sc in next 9 sc, 3 sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in last 3 sc; join with sl st in first sc, changing to B—48 sc.

Round 6 With B, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, [sp-st in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 2 times; *3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, [sp-st in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 3 times; repeat from * 2 more times; 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sp-st in next st, sc in last st; join with sl st in first sc—44 sc and 12 sp-sts.

Round 7 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, [sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in next st] 3 times, sc in last 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc, changing to A—64 sc.

Round 8 With A, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 8 sc, 3 sc in next sc, [sc in next 15 sc, 3 sc in next sc] 3 times, sc in last 6 sc; join with sl st in first sc—72 sc. Fasten off.

Motif 2 (Make 48)

Make same as Motif 1, using A for Rounds 1–5 and 8, C for Rounds 6 and 7.



the yarn 39

TLC Baby in Clear Blue





Tip

For polished results, wet block the motifs (see page 18) to 4½"/11.5cm square before assembling.

ASSEMBLY

With right sides facing, whipstitch motifs together in back loops only into 8 rows of 7 motifs each, alternating motifs as shown in photograph.

Edging

Round 1 With right side facing, join A with sl st in middle sc in top right-hand corner, ch 1, 3 sc in same st as joining, work 124 sc evenly spaced along top and bottom edges, 142 sc evenly spaced along left and right edges and 3 sc in middle sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc—544 sc.

Round 2 Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, 3 sc in next st for corner, sc in each st on all 4 edges and 3 sc in middle sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc—552 sc. Fasten off.

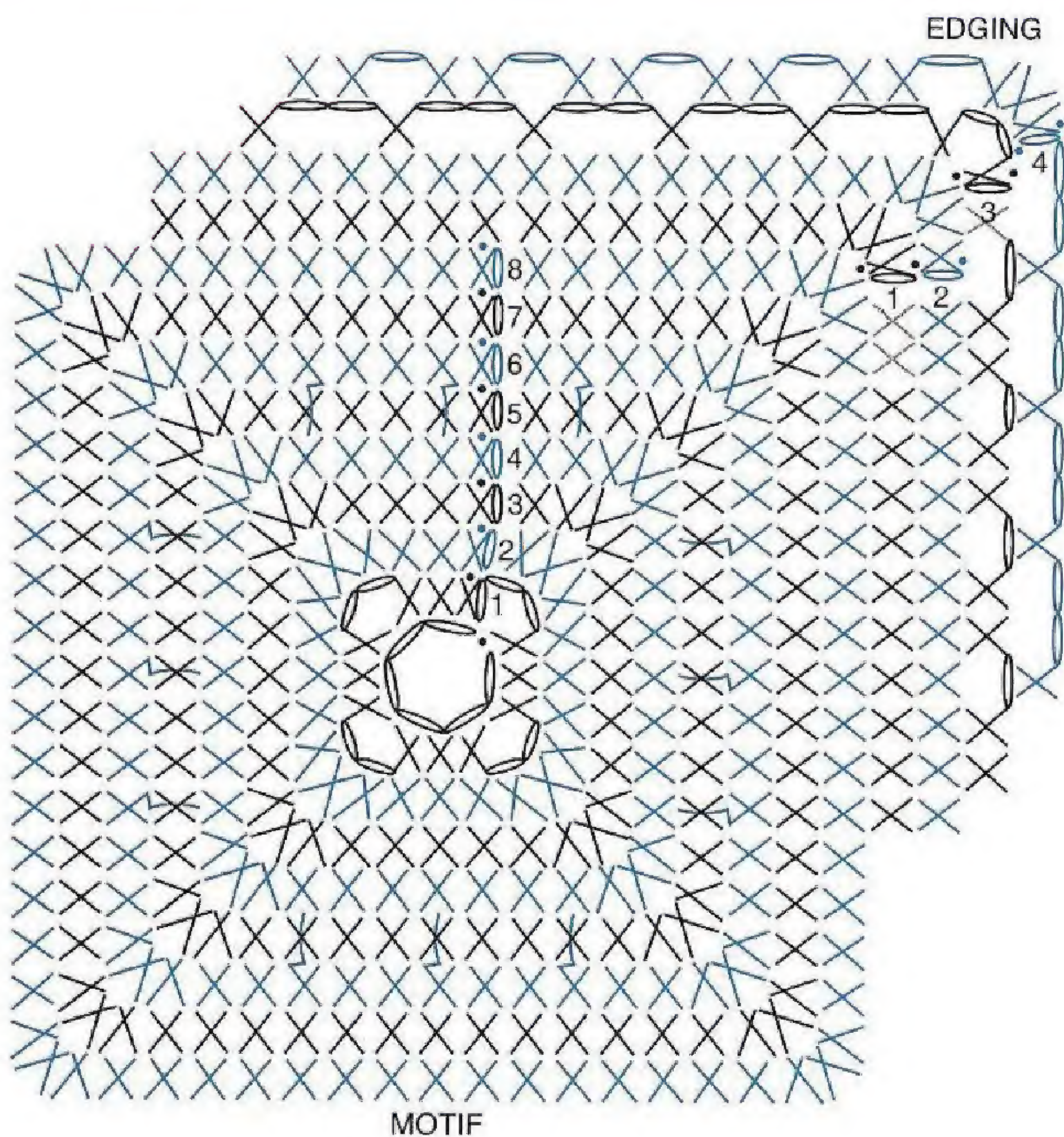
Round 3 With right side facing, join B with sl st in center sc in top right-hand corner, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same st as joining, ch 2, sk next 2 sts; *sc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts; repeat from * across to next corner; (sc, ch 2, sc) in center sc in corner, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st; **sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st; repeat from ** across to next corner***; (sc, ch 2, sc) in center sc in corner, ch 2; repeat from * to *** once; join with sl st in first sc—286 sc, 98 ch-1 sps and 90 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Round 4 With right side facing, join C with sl st in ch-2 sp in top right-hand corner, ch 1, 3 sc in same ch-2 sp as joining; *ch 1, sk next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp; repeat from * across to next corner; ch 1, sk next st, 3 sc in corner ch-2 sp; **ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from ** across to next corner, ch 1, sk next st***, 3 sc in corner ch-2 sp; repeat from * to *** once; join with sl st in first sc—282 sc, 90 ch-1 sps and 98 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. ...

STITCH DIAGRAM



Fuzzy Cap

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g balls, each approx 364yd/333m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #319 Cherry Red (A)
- RED HEART Pomp-a-Doodle, 3½oz/100g balls, each approx 54yd/50m (polyester)
- 1 ball #9919 Red Velvet (B)

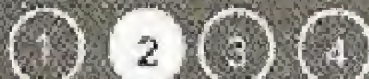
CROCHET HOOK


- Size J/10 (6mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn 

Super Saver in Cherry Red



the yarn 

Pomp-a-doodle in Red Velvet



Pom-pom yarn makes a delightfully fluffy hat that's as cozy as it is adorable. Make one for every baby on your list! By Linda Cyr

Abbreviations

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| ch chain | sk skip |
| sc single crochet | st(s) stitch(es) |
- * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

SIZES

Baby (Toddler, Child)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Hat measures approx 16 (18, 20)"/40.5 (45.5, 51)cm circumference.

GAUGE

Rounds 1–17 = 4"/10cm diameter (measured straight across last round)
Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

- 1 Hat is worked with inside (smooth side) of hat facing, and outside (pom-pom side) to back.
- 2 Hat is worked in continuous rounds; do not join at end of rounds and do not turn at beginning of rounds.
- 3 All odd-numbered rounds of hat are worked with A, and all even-numbered rounds are worked with B. All rows of earflaps are worked with B only.
- 4 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. When not in use, carry A across the inside of the hat, and carry B across the outside of the hat.

HAT

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 (wrong side) 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, change to B in last st; do not join—3 sc. Drop, but do not cut A. Carry A across inside of hat (smooth side, facing you) until next needed.

Round 2 With B, sc in each sc around, keeping pompoms on back of piece (right side); change to A in last st.

Round 3 With A, sc in each sc around; change to B in last st.

Round 4 Repeat Round 2.

Round 5 With A, 2 sc in each sc around; change to B in last st—6 sc.

Round 6 Repeat Round 2.

Rounds 7 and 8 Repeat Rounds 3 and 4.

Round 9 With A, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around; change to B in last st—9 sc.

Round 10 Repeat Round 2.

Round 11 With A, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc; repeat from * around; change to B in last st—12 sc.

Rounds 12 and 13 Repeat Rounds 10 and 11—16 sc.

Rounds 14–17 Repeat Rounds 8–11—32 sc.

Round 18 Repeat Round 2.

Round 19 With A, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 7 sc; repeat from * around; change to B in last st—36 sc.

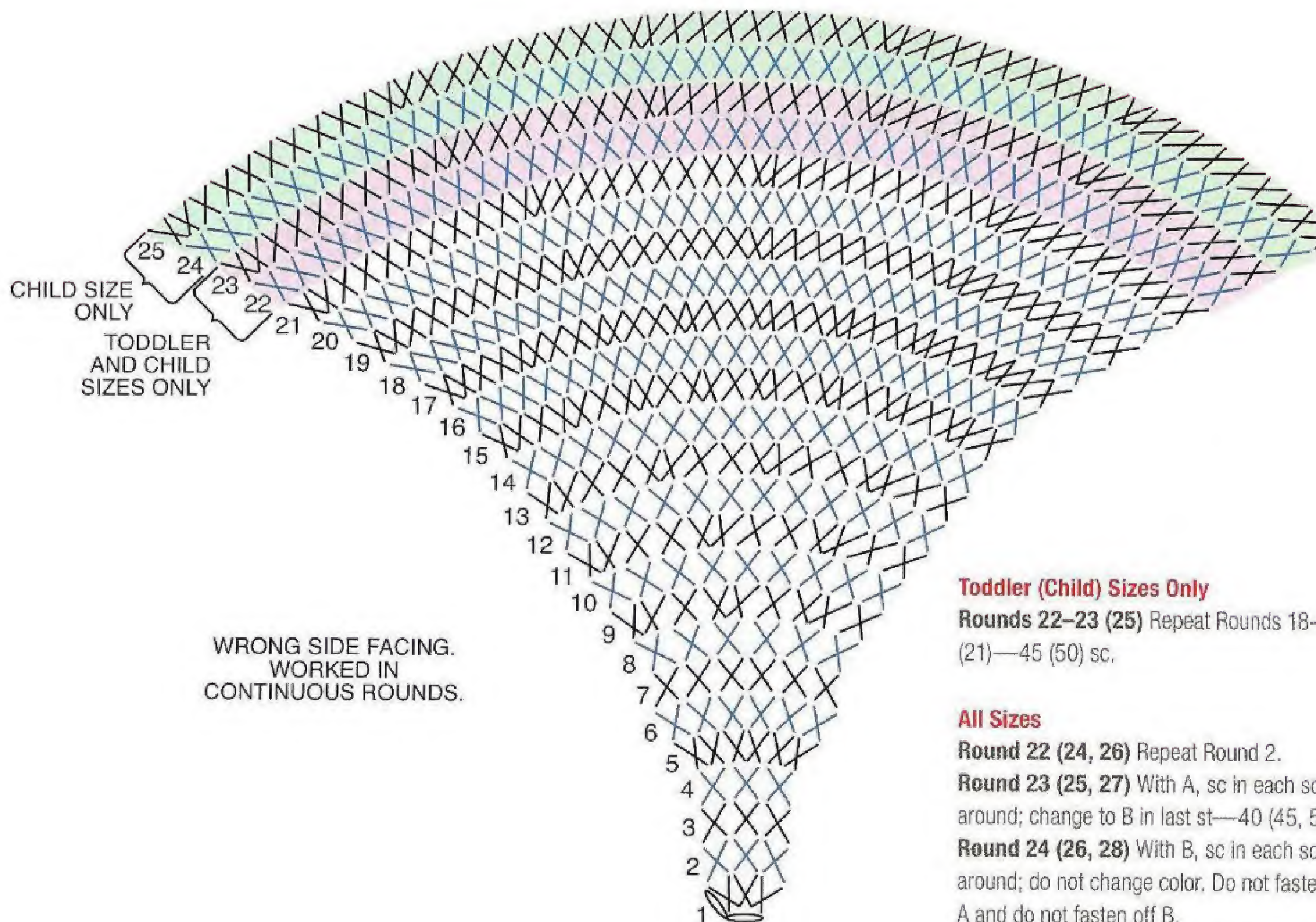
Round 20 Repeat Round 2.

Round 21 With A, *2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc; repeat from * around; change to B in last st—40 sc.



HAT STITCH DIAGRAM

FOLLOWED BY 3 (5, 7)
ROUNDS EVEN IN SC



CHILD SIZE ONLY
TODDLER
AND CHILD
SIZES ONLY

WRONG SIDE FACING.
WORKED IN
CONTINUOUS ROUNDS.

Toddler (Child) Sizes Only

Rounds 22–23 (25) Repeat Rounds 18–19 (21)—45 (50) sc.

All Sizes

Round 22 (24, 26) Repeat Round 2.

Round 23 (25, 27) With A, sc in each sc around; change to B in last st—40 (45, 50) sc.

Round 24 (26, 28) With B, sc in each sc around; do not change color. Do not fasten off A and do not fasten off B.

Repeat last 2 rounds 0 (1, 2) more times.

Earflaps

Note Work earflaps back and forth in rows, with B only.

Row 1 With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 (9, 10) sc; leave remaining sts unworked—8 (9, 10) sc.

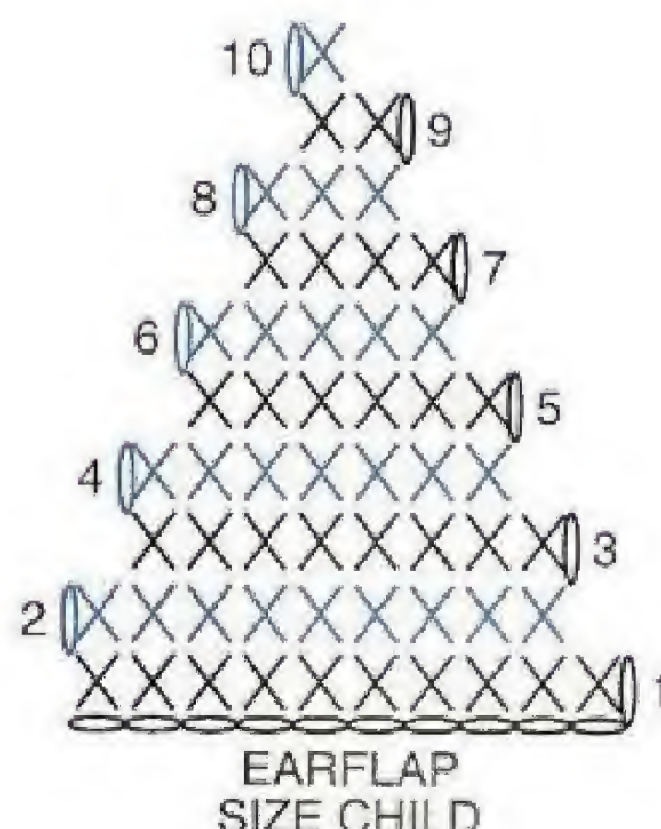
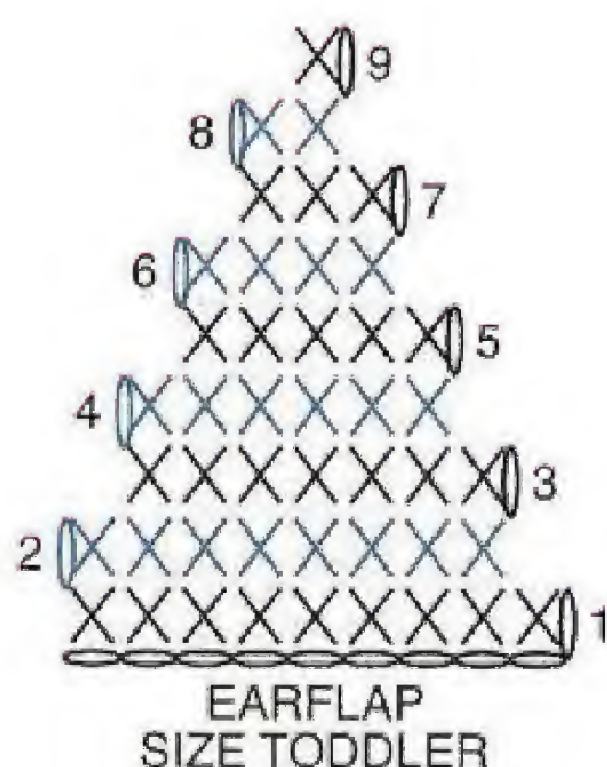
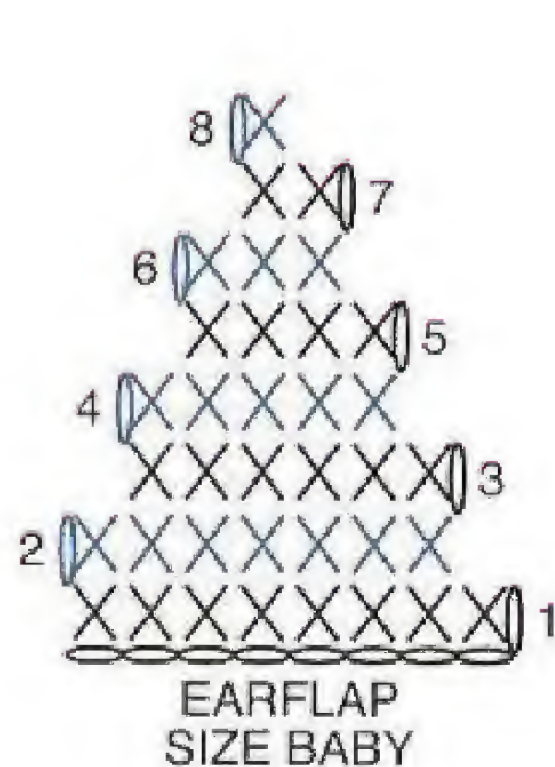
Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last sc; leave last sc unworked—7 (8, 9) sc.

Rows 3–8 (9, 10) Repeat Row 2—1 sc. Fasten off B. Pick up A at base of Earflap, place a marker in this sp (where A was picked up), sc in next 18 (19, 20) sc across back of hat. Draw up a loop of B in marked sp (where A was picked up), sc in next 18 (19, 20) sc. Work Rows 1–8 (9, 10) for 2nd earflap. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

EARFLAP STITCH DIAGRAMS





Cabled Mitts

A beautiful V-shaped cable accents these fingerless gloves—stitched in alpaca yarn, they're pure bliss. Make them for someone special on your list.

By Brenda K. B. Anderson



What You'll Need

YARN

STITCH NATION Alpaca Love, 3oz/85g balls, each approx 132yd/121m (wool/alpaca)

- 1 or 2 balls #3245 Orchid

Note Pictured mitts required 1 ball of yarn, with less than 4yd/3.5m remaining. We recommend purchasing 2 balls of yarn to ensure enough yarn for a gauge swatch and mitts, without need to unravel the gauge swatch.

CROCHET HOOK

- Size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



the yarn 

Alpaca Love in Orchid



try this!

Work up a pair of mitts in #3520 Peacock Feather or #3350 Espresso Bean.



Abbreviations

ch	chain	sl st	slip stitch
dc	double crochet	sp(s)	space(s)
hdc	half double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet	tr	treble crochet
sk	skip		

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

dtr (double treble crochet) [Yarn over] 3 times, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 4 times.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Mitts measure approx 7½"/19cm long, 8½"/21.5cm circumference at finger edge, and 7¼"/18.5cm circumference at wrist edge.

Note Mitts will fit most women and teens.

GAUGE

16 sts and 18 rows = 4"/10cm over single crochet worked in back loops only.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 17.

Row 1 (right side) Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—16 sc.

Rows 2–18 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4 x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

LEFT MITT

Ch 31.

Row 1 (right side) Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—30 sc.

Row 2 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; working in back loops only, hdc in first 18 sts, sc in last 12 sts.

Note Beginning of Row 2 is finger end of mitt, end of Row 2 is wrist end of mitt.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in last 18 sts.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; working in both loops, sk first st, tr in next st, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working behind st just made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 7 times.

Row 6 Ch 4, turn; working in both loops, sk first 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the last 2 skipped sts, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 6 times, tr in next 2 sts.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each st across.

Rows 8 and 9 Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Row 10 Repeat Row 2.

Row 11 (thumbhole row) Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, ch 5, sk next 5 sts (for thumbhole), hdc in last 9 sts—30 sts (consisting of 25 sts and 1 ch-5 sp).

Rows 12 and 13 Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Rows 14–24 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Row 25 Repeat Row 3.

Row 26 (seaming row) Ch 1, turn; fold mitt, bringing foundation row in front and up to meet last row (right side of mitt is to the outside); working through both thicknesses, sl st in each st across, inserting hook into front loops across opposite side of foundation ch and back loops of last row. Fasten off.

RIGHT MITT

Ch 31.

Row 1 (right side) Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—30 sc.

Rows 2–11 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Row 12 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn; working in back loops only, hdc in first 18 sts, sc in last 12 sts.

Note Beginning of Row 12 is finger end of mitt, end of Row 12 is wrist end of mitt.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in last 18 sts.

Row 14 (thumbhole row) Ch 2, turn; working in back loops only, hdc in first 9 sts, ch 5, sk next 5 sts (for thumbhole), hdc in next 4 sts, sc in last 12 sts—30 sts (consisting of 25 sts and 1 ch-5 sp).

Row 15 Repeat Row 13.

STITCH DIAGRAM

Rows 16 and 17 Repeat Rows 12 and 13.

Row 18 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in each st across.

Row 19 Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), turn; working in both loops, sk first st, tr in next st, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working behind dtr just made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 7 times.

Row 20 Ch 4, turn; working in both loops, sk first 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the last 2 skipped sts, [sk next 3 sts, dtr in next st, working in front of last dtr made, tr in each of the 3 skipped sts] 6 times, tr in next 2 sts.

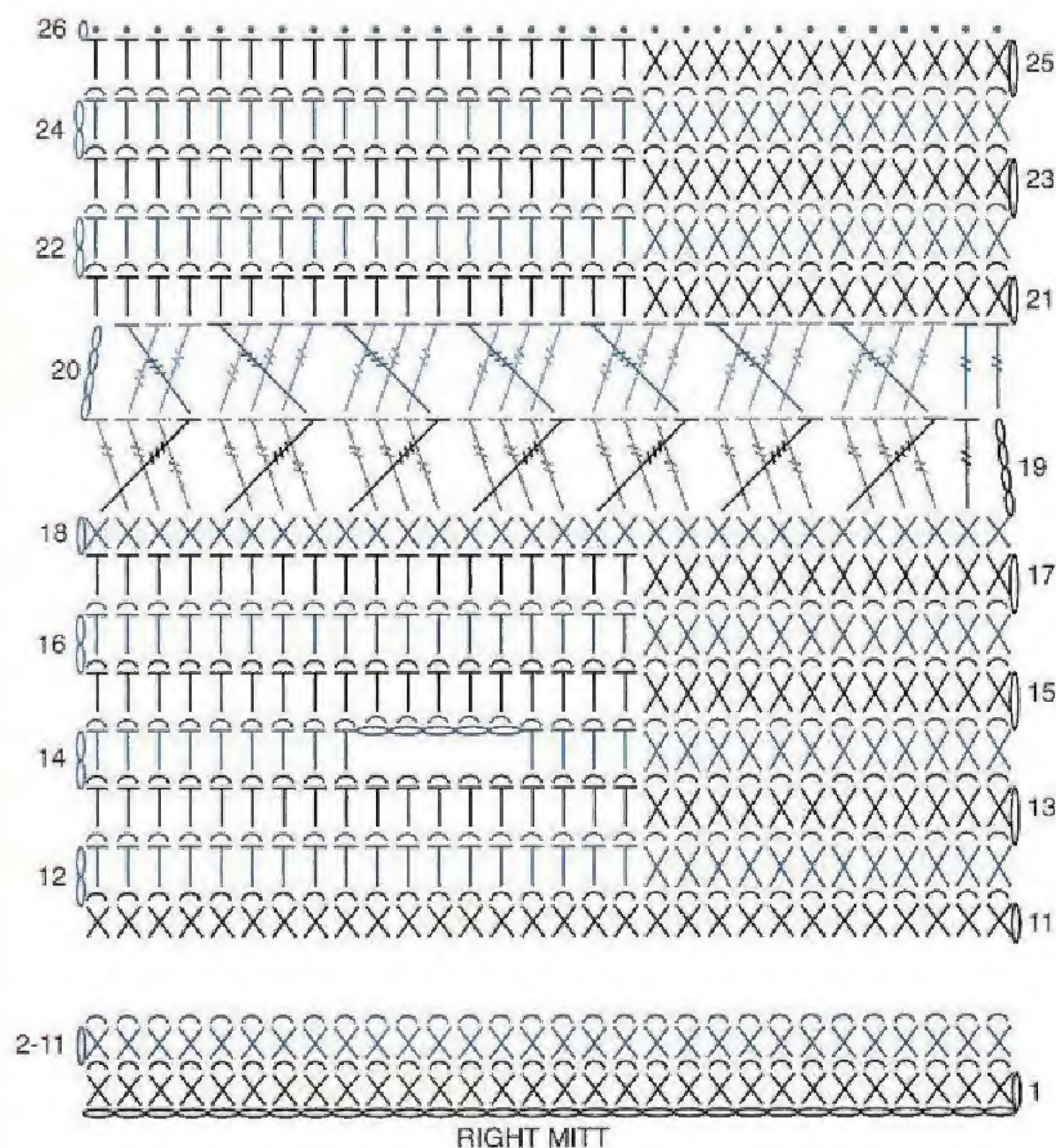
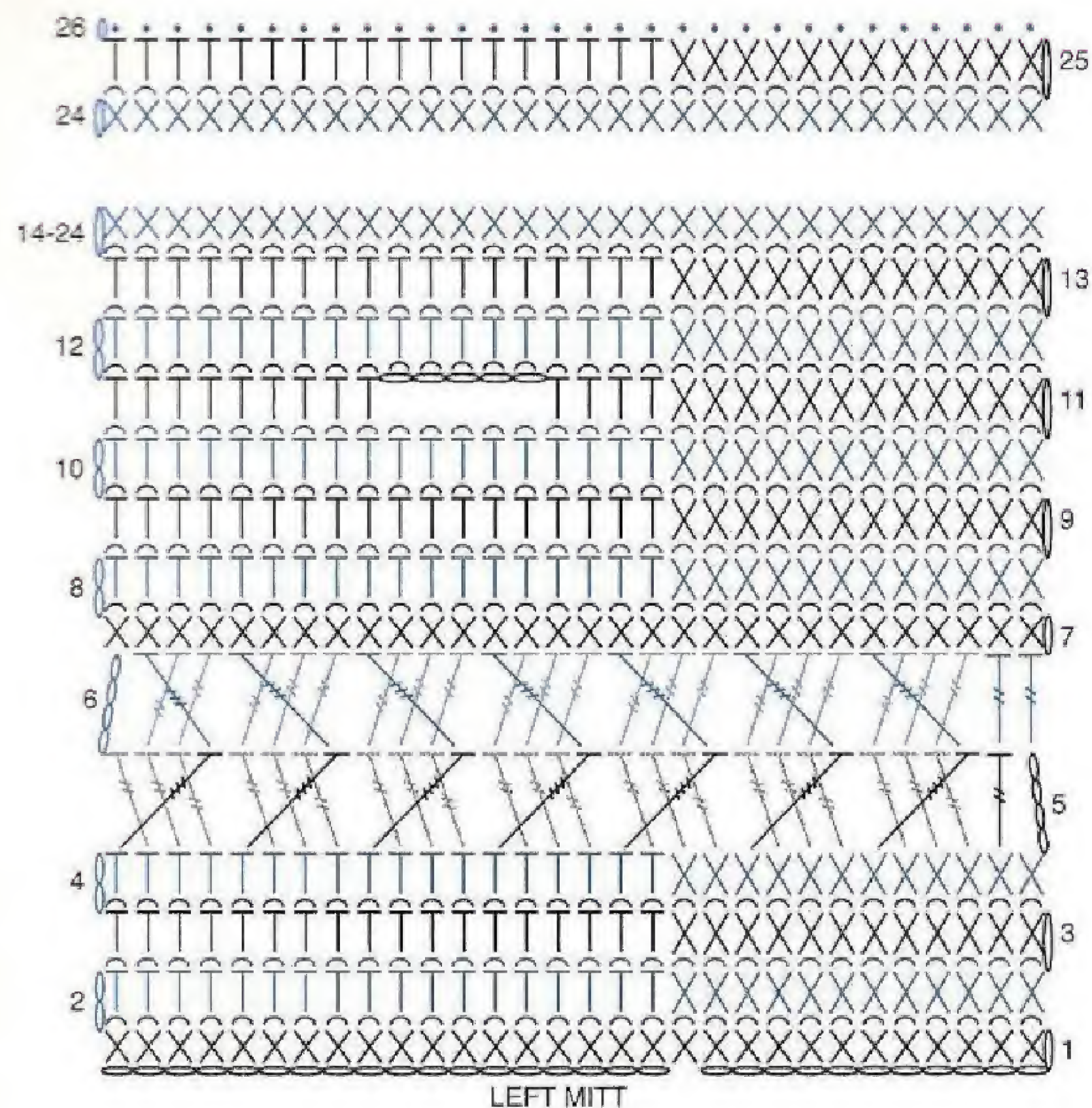
Row 21 Ch 1, turn; working in both loops, sc in first 12 sts, hdc in last 18 sts.

Rows 22–25 Repeat Rows 12 and 13 twice.

Row 26 (seaming row) Ch 1, turn; fold mitt, bringing foundation row in front and up to meet last row (right side of mitt is to the outside); working through both thicknesses, sl st in each st across, inserting hook into front loops across opposite side of foundation ch and back loops of last row. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block lightly, if desired.





Baby Jacket

Give baby a gift that's sure to become a keepsake—an adorable cardigan in a classic shape that will never go out of style. This piece could be passed down for generations! By Mari Lynn Patrick



Abbreviations

ch chain sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet sp space
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

BPsc (Back Post single crochet) Insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

BPdc (Back Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

FPdc (Front Post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft Baby Steps, 5oz/142g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)
• 2 (3, 3, 4) balls #9620 Baby Green

CROCHET HOOK

• Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

• Stitch markers
• 4 buttons—1"/25mm diameter
• Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

SIZES

1 (2, 3–4, 5–6) years

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 22 (24½, 27, 29)"/56 (62, 68.5, 73.5) cm, unbuttoned

Length 11½ (12½, 13½, 14½)"/29 (32, 34.5, 37)cm, including lower ribbing, not including collar

GAUGE

7 pattern repeats = 6"/15cm and 11 rows = 4"/10cm over pattern. **Note** One pattern repeat consists of one (sc, hdc, dc) group.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 23.

Row 1 (wrong side) (Sc, hdc, dc) in 2nd ch from hook, *sk next 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in next ch; repeat from * across to last 3 ch, sk next 2 ch, sc in last ch—7 pattern repeats.

Rows 2–11 Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 6" x 4"/15 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Body of jacket is worked in a textured pattern from side to side, beginning at center of one front (inside the single crochet front bands) and worked across back around to center of other front.

2 Single crochet center front bands and collar are worked in one piece around front opening after the shoulders of the body are seamed.

3 Sleeves are worked from side to side in textured pattern and single crochet.

BODY

Ch 38 (41, 44, 47).

Row 1 (wrong side) (Sc, hdc, dc) in 2nd ch from hook, *sk next 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in next ch; repeat from * across to last 3 ch, sk next 2 ch, sc in last ch—12 (13, 14, 15) pattern repeats.

Rows 2–7 (9, 11, 11) Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc.

Fasten off.

Shape First Armhole and Begin Back

Row 8 (10, 12, 12) (right side) Ch 18 (18, 21, 21) (for armhole chain), with right side facing, sk first 18 (18, 21, 21) sts of last row, join yarn with sc in next sc, (hdc, dc) in same sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc—6 (7, 7, 8) pattern repeats.

Row 9 (11, 13, 13) Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to armhole chain, [sk next 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in next ch] 5 (5, 6, 6) times, sk next 2 ch, sc in last ch—12 (13, 14, 15) pattern repeats.

Row 10 (12, 14, 14) Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc.

Repeat last row until back measures 10½ (11½, 12½, 13½)"/26.5 (29, 32, 34.5)cm, end with a right side row.

Shape Second Armhole

Next Row (wrong side) Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, [sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc] 5 (6, 6, 7) times; leave remaining sts unworked—6 (7, 7, 8) pattern repeats.

Next Row Ch 20 (20, 23, 23), turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in 2nd ch from hook, [sk next 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in next ch] 6 (6, 7, 7) times, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc—12 (13, 14, 15) pattern repeats.

the yarn 

Soft Baby Steps in Baby Green



try this!

Make a baby sweater in #9800 Baby Blue or #9700 Baby Pink.





Next Row Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc. Repeat last row 5 (7, 9, 9) more times. Fasten off.

Seam Shoulders

Fold piece, bringing right sides of fronts and back together. Working from wrong side and through both thicknesses, join yarn with sl st at beginning of one shoulder, sl st across shoulder to seam. Fasten off. Repeat to seam other shoulder.

LOWER RIBBING

Row 1 (wrong side) With wrong side facing, join yarn with sl st in lower front corner of body, ch 2 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 45 (51, 59, 61) more dc evenly spaced across lower edge to other lower front corner—46 (52, 60, 62) dc.

Rows 2–4 Ch 2, turn; sk first st, *FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st; repeat from * across to last st, FPdc around last st. Do not fasten off, and do not turn.

FRONT BANDS AND COLLAR

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 2 (does not count as a st), work 45 (49, 53, 57) BPsc evenly spaced up front edge to neck (this will require working 2 BPsc around some of the sts), work 15 BPsc evenly spaced across back neck, work 45 (49, 53, 57) BPsc evenly spaced across other front edge—105 (113, 121, 129) sts.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 45 (49, 53, 57) sts, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 7 times, sc in next st, sc in last 45 (49, 53, 59) sts—112 (120, 128, 136) sts.

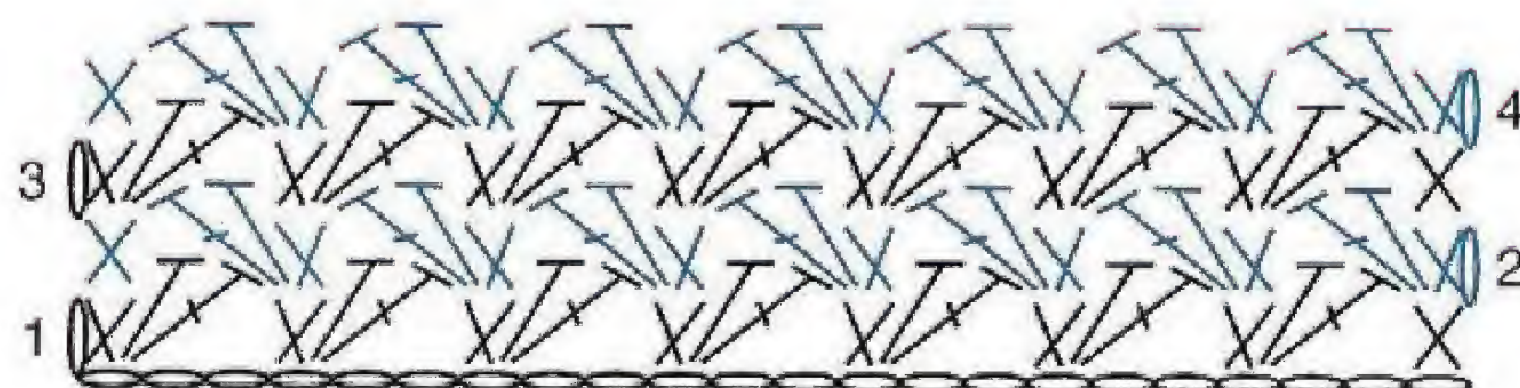
Rows 3–11 (11, 11, 13) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Place four stitch markers up one front edge (right front for boys, left front for girls) for buttonhole placement. Place first marker about 5 (5, 5 1/2, 5 1/2)"/12.5 (12.5, 14, 14)cm below shoulder edge, and last marker about 1/2"/1.5cm above the lower edge, evenly space the two remaining markers between the first and last markers.

Row 12 (12, 12, 14) (buttonhole row) Ch 1, turn; [sc in each sc to next marker, ch 3, sk next 2 sc] 4 times, sc in each remaining sc across.

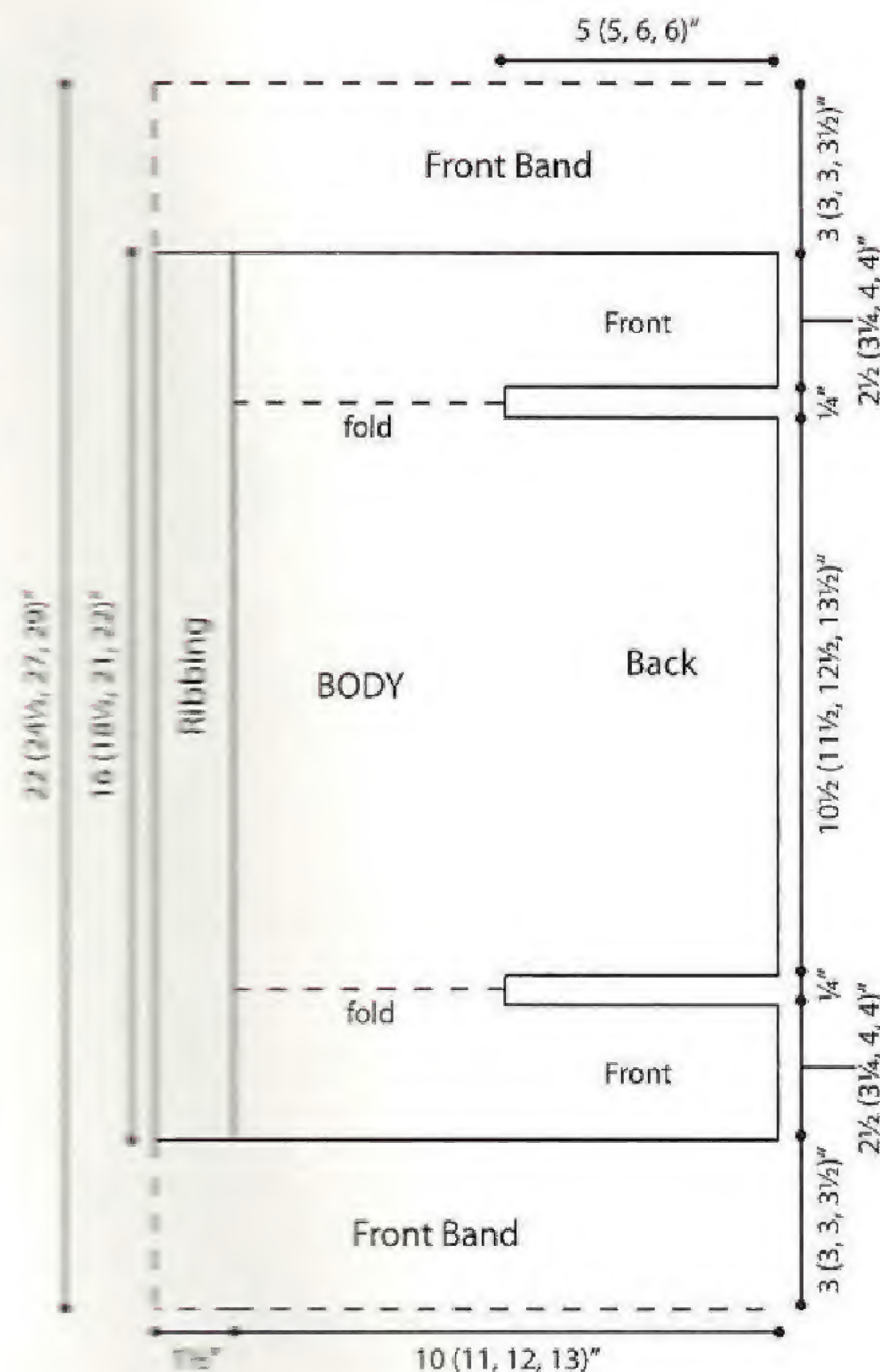


STITCH DIAGRAM

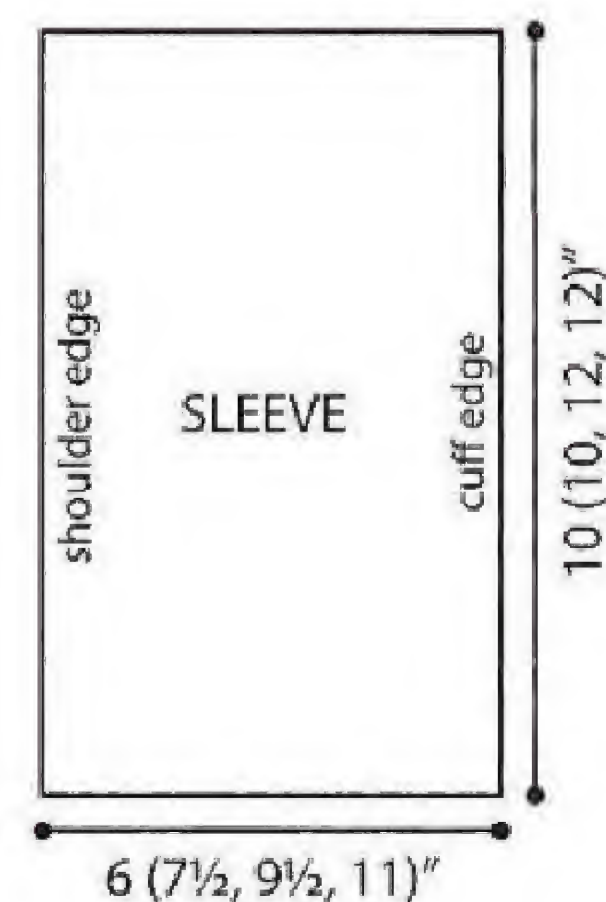


REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN

SCHEMATICS



Note: Front bands are not worked until after shoulders are seamed. They are shown here, as an aid to understanding the sizes.



Row 13 (13, 13, 15) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across, working 2 sc in each ch-3 sp.

Rows 14 (14, 14, 16) and 15 (15, 15, 17) Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

Texture Pattern Section

Ch 23 (29, 35, 41).

Row 1 (wrong side) (Sc, hdc, dc) in 2nd ch from hook, *sk next 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in next ch; repeat from * across to last 3 ch, sk next 2 ch, sc in last ch—7 (9, 11, 13) pattern repeats.

Rows 2–14 (14, 16, 16) Ch 1, turn; (sc, hdc, dc) in first sc, *sk next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc) in next sc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sc in last sc.

Row 15 (15, 17, 17) Ch 1, turn, BPsc around each st across—22 (28, 34, 40) sts.

Row 16 (16, 18, 18) Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. Repeat last row until piece measures 10 (10, 12, 12)"/25.5 (25.5, 30.5, 30.5) cm from beginning. Do not fasten off.

Seam and Set-In Sleeve

Fold sleeve in half, with wrong sides together, bringing foundation ch up to meet last row. With right side facing and working through both thicknesses, sc in each st across to seam sleeve. Position sleeve in armhole, with texture pattern section centered at shoulder. With right side facing and working through both thicknesses, sc evenly spaced around to set sleeve into armhole.

Cuff

Round 1 With right side facing, join yarn with sl st in end of sleeve, ch 2 (counts as first st here and throughout), work 29 (29, 35, 35) more dc evenly spaced around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—30 (30, 36, 36) dc.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 2, FPdc around next dc, *BPdc around next dc, FPdc around next dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew buttons to front edge, opposite buttonholes. Weave in all ends.



Men's Muffler

What to make for the guy who has everything? A chunky scarf in a deep shade of gray is just the thing. (Of course, it makes a great present for the gals, too!)

By Drew Emborsky





the yarn 

Curly Q in Thunderstorm



try this!

Work up a scarf in #7931 Granite or #7970 Mexican.



What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Curly Q, 3oz/85g skeins, each approx 150yds/137m (acrylic/polyester/spandex)

- 3 skeins #7935 Thunderstorm

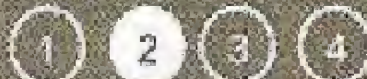
CROCHET HOOK

- Size L/11 (8.00mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) sk skip
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

bead st (bead stitch) Insert hook in indicated st and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through one loop on hook] 3 times, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 80"/203cm long x 4"/10cm wide

GAUGE

10 sts = 4"/10cm; 6 rows = 2 1/4"/5.5cm
Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 11.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—10 sc.

Rows 2–6 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, bead st in next st, *sc in next st, bead st in next st; repeat from * across—10 sts. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm wide x 2 1/4"/5.5cm high. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

SCARF

Ch 200.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—199 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sk first st, sc in next st, *bead st in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across to last st, (bead st, sc) in last st—100 sc and 99 bead sts.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; (sc, bead st) in first st, *sc in next st, bead st in next st; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sc2tog.

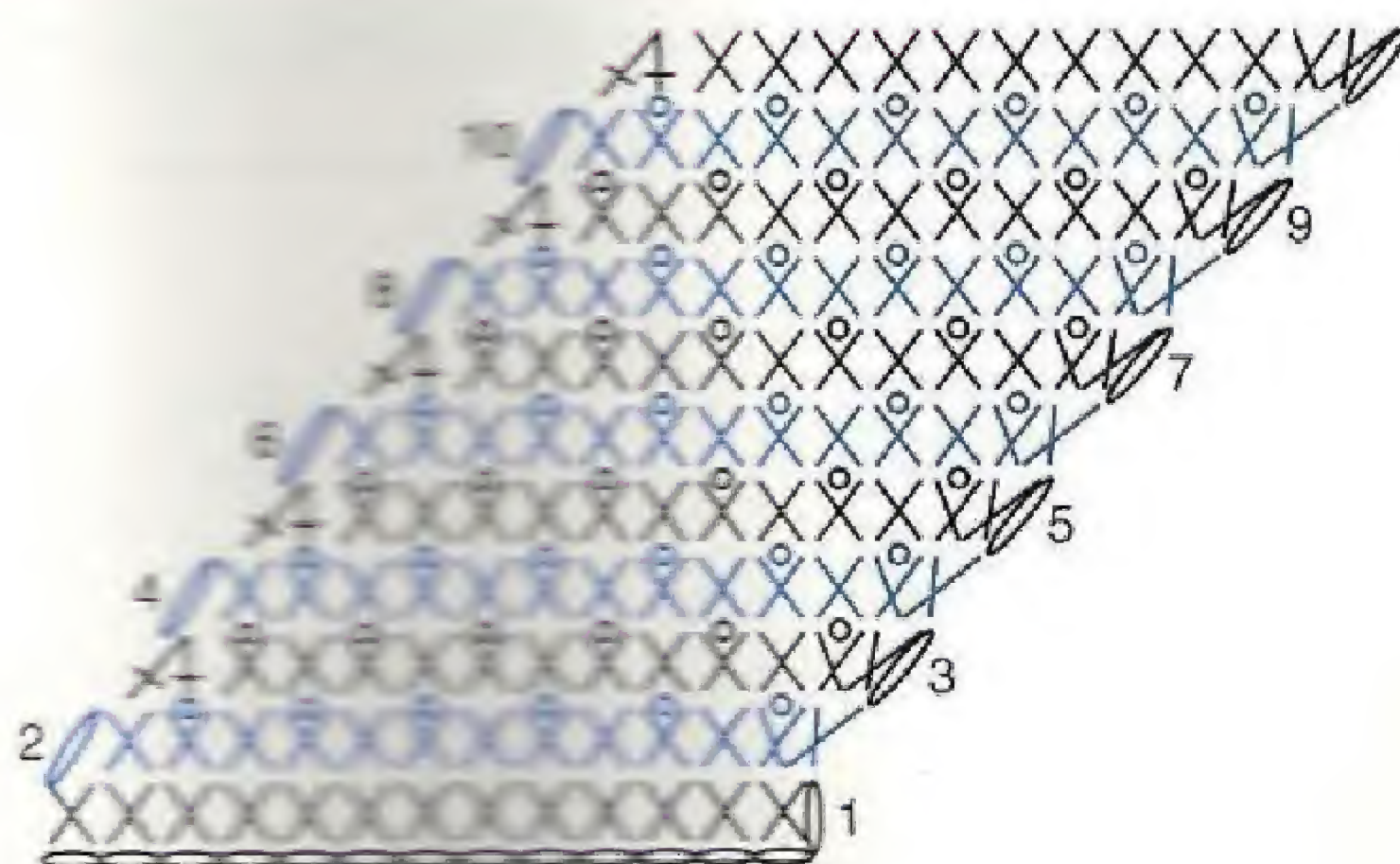
Rows 4–10 Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 3 more times, then repeat Row 2 once more.

Row 11 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st and in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog—199 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. ...

STITCH DIAGRAM



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN

Tip

To make this scarf longer or shorter, add or remove beginning chains in multiples of 2 chains. To make the scarf wider or narrower, work more or fewer rows in multiples of 2 rows.






Tree Garland

Deck your halls with these easy trees—each is constructed all in one piece. Self-striping sock yarn creates the colorful pattern, without the work!

By Linda Fennmann

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Heart & Sole, 196oz/50g balls, each approx 270yd/195m (super-wash wool/hyels)

- 1 ball #3873 Christmas (A)
- 1 ball #3881 Berry Blue (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size D/3 (3.25mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Still Love It Easy



Abbreviations

ch chain sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet st(s) stitch(es)

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Chain one to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

NOTES

1 Instructions yield a garland with a total of nine trees, five made with A and 4 made with B.

2 Each tree is worked back and forth in rows, from the lower edge up to the top.

TREE (MAKE 9—5 WITH A AND 4 WITH B)

Make an adjustable ring.

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 8 dc in ring, place marker in 5th dc of row (center dc); do not join—9 dc.

Rows 2–6 Ch 3, turn; dc in first dc (increase made), dc in each dc to marked dc, 5 dc in marked dc, move marker to 3rd dc of 5-dc group just made, dc in each dc to turning ch, 2 dc in top of turning ch—39 dc.

Shape Middle Branches

Row 7 Turn; sl st in first dc and in next 10 dc, (sl st, ch 3, dc) in next dc, dc in each dc to marked dc, 5 dc in marked dc, move marker to 3rd dc of 5-dc group just made, dc in next 7 dc, 2 dc in next dc; leave remaining sts unworked—23 dc.

Row 8 Repeat Row 2—29 dc.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Each tree measures approx 5"/12.5cm wide and 6"/15cm tall, blocked.

Garland length varies depending on number of trees.

GAUGE

Use finished measurements of one tree for gauge. Gauge is not critical for this project!

the yarn



Heart & Sole in Berry Blue

**Shape Tree Top**

Row 9 Turn; sl st in first dc and in next 8 dc, (sl st, ch 3, dc) in next dc, dc in each dc to marked dc, 5 dc in marked dc, move marker to 3rd dc of 5-dc group just made, dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc; leave remaining sts unworked—17 dc.

Row 10 Repeat Row 2—23 dc.

Edging Round (right side) Do not turn, working around edges of tree, sl st evenly spaced around to about $\frac{1}{2}$ "/1.5cm from center of lower edge of tree; to make stump, ch 3, work 5 dc evenly spaced across next $1\frac{1}{2}$ "/2.5cm of lower edge of tree; ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across stump; turn, sl st in each dc across stump, sl st evenly spaced down side edge of stump; continuing around edges of tree, sl st evenly spaced around; join with sl st in first sl st. Fasten off.

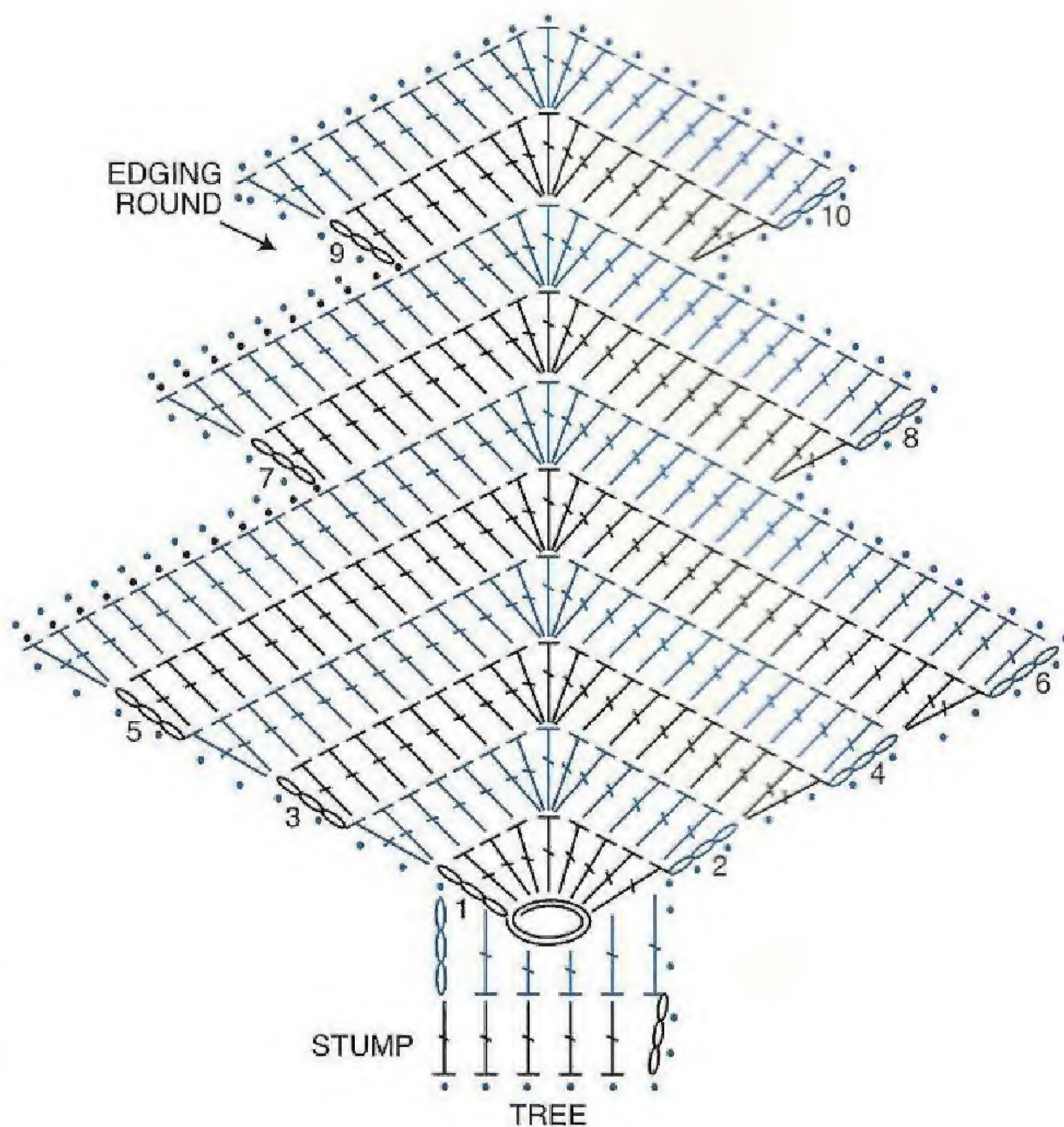
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Spray trees with cool water and pin to finished dimensions. Let dry overnight.

String Garland Holding 2 strands of B together, ch 40, [sl st in center 3 sts at top of an A-colored tree, ch 30, sl st in center 3 sts at top of a B-colored tree, ch 3] 4 times, ch 3, sl st in center 3 sts at top of last A-colored tree, ch 40. Fasten off and weave in ends. ---2222---

Tip

One ball of yarn will make about eight trees.

STITCH DIAGRAM

*Not a
creature was
stirring, not even
a mouse.*





Mouse Ornaments



Decorate your holiday tree with these charming little mice stitched in metallic thread.

By Susan Lowman

What You'll Need

YARN

AUNT LYONS Fashion Crochet Thread,
Size 5, each ball approx 100yd/91m
(cotton/metallic)

- 1 ball #4010 Copper/Copper (A)
- 1 ball #4015 Silver/Silver (B)
- 1 ball #4016 White/Silver (C)

AUNT LYONS Classic Crochet Thread,
Size 10, each ball approx 350yd/320m
(cotton)

- 1 ball #4011 Jetset Pink (D)
- small amount #4012 Black (E)

Note Thread quantities are sufficient to
make multiple mice

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 1 (2.75mm) steel crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge
- Size 7 (4.5mm) steel crochet hook

NOTIONS

- 2 black pipe beads (per mouse)—
size 8 or 10 (4g, 10g, 16g, 20g,
www.milkbeads.com)
- Polyester fiberfill
- Fabric glue
- Toothpick to apply glue
- Steel marker optional
- Thread needle

Abbreviations

ch chain sk skip
dc double crochet sl st slip stitch
hdc half double crochet st(s) stitch(es)
sc single crochet

* Repeat directions following * as many
times as indicated.

[] Work directions in brackets number of
times indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches to-
gether) [Insert hook in next sc, yarn over
and draw up a loop] 2 times, yarn over
and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Mouse measures approx 1½"/4cm long x
½"/1.5cm wide

GAUGE

Rounds 1–4 of body = 1"/2.5cm diameter
Remember to check gauge for best results!

NOTES

1 Work stitches tightly so fiberfill will not show
through when mouse is stuffed.

2 Body is worked in continuous rounds, with
right side facing throughout. Do not join at
the end of rounds, and do not turn at begin-
ning of rounds.

3 For solid-color mouse, use A or B for tail,
body, and outer ears. For striped mouse, use
A or B for tail and outer ears; change colors
every two rounds throughout body, using A or
B for Rounds 1 and 2, C for Rounds 3 and 4, A
or B for Rounds 5 and 6, C for Rounds 7 and
8, and so on.

4 To change color, work last stitch of old color
to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and
draw through all loops on hook to complete
stitch. Proceed with new color. Drop, but do
not fasten off, old color. Carry color not in use
across wrong side of piece, until next needed.

the yarn

Fashion Crochet Thread
in Copper/Copper

Classic Crochet Thread
in Black

**MOUSE****Tail**

With larger hook and A or B, ch 15.

Row 1 Working in back bars, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—14 sl sts.

Note Work now progresses in the round.

Body

Round 1 (right side) Ch 1, 6 sc in same ch as last sl st on tail; do not join—6 sc. Keep tail in front of sts as work progresses.

Round 2 *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—9 sc. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc.

Round 3 *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Round 4 Repeat Round 2—18 sc. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc.

Round 5 Repeat Round 3—24 sc.

Round 6 *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—30 sc. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc.

Round 7 *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—36 sc.

Rounds 8–12 Sc in each sc around. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc on Rounds 8, 10 and 12.

Round 13 *Sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—30 sc.

Round 14 Repeat Round 8. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc. Place a marker in this round. Ears will be glued to this round during assembly.

Face

Round 15 *Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—24 sc.

Round 16 Repeat Round 8. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc.

**Tip**

To straighten out twisting thread as you work, periodically place a rubber band around thread ball so it doesn't unwind completely, and let thread ball hang freely by working thread until it untwists.

Round 17 *Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—18 sc. Place a marker in this round. Eyes will be glued between this round and next round during assembly.

Round 18 Repeat Round 8. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc. Stuff body firmly with fiberfill.

Round 19 *Sc in next sc, sc2tog; repeat from * around—12 sc.

Round 20 Repeat Round 8. For striped mouse, change to opposite color in last sc. Stuff body more.

Round 21 Repeat Round 17—9 sc.

Round 22 Repeat Round 19, change to D in last st—6 sc. Do not fasten off.

Nose

Round 23 Change to smaller hook. With D, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Weave tail through front loop of each sc of last round and pull tight to close hole.

EARS (MAKE 2)**Outer Ear**

With larger hook and A or B, ch 4.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—3 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in first sc, hdc in next sc, 3 dc in next sc; rotate piece to work across opposite side of foundation ch (do not turn piece over, keep right side facing you), sk unworked ch at the beginning of Row 1, 3 dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch—10 sts. Fasten off.

Inner Ear

With smaller hook and D, ch 3.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, 6 hdc in next ch; rotate piece to work across opposite side of foundation ch (do not turn piece over, keep right side facing you), sc in next ch—8 sts. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Assembly

Glue wrong side of inner ears to right side of outer ears. With beginning of rounds facing bottom of mouse, glue base of ears to Round 14 (marked) of body. Glue beads for eyes between Rounds 17 (marked) and 18 of face. With E, sew whiskers at base of nose as shown in photograph. Apply glue to back of base of whiskers to hold whiskers in place. Trim whiskers as desired. To make a loop for hanging the mice as ornaments, insert a length of A, B or C in top of body and tie ends in overhand knot. Trim ends as desired.

Tip

Use bottom end of crochet hook to push fiberfill into body of mouse to stuff firmly.



--- The
children were
nestled all snug
in their beds...





Snuggly Blanket

Keep the kids warm as they wait for Santa with this cozy blanket. Its classic pattern will make it a favorite for years

By Ellen K. Gormley

Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) sl st slip stitch
dc double crochet sp(s) space(s)
sc single crochet st(s) stitch(es)
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

FPdc (front post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop. [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Eco-Ways, 4oz/113g skeins, each approx 186yds/170m (acrylic/recycled polyester)

- 5 skeins #3522 Fern (A)
 - 5 skeins #3523 Asparagus (B)
- RED HEART Collage, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 218yds/200m (acrylic)
- 4 skeins #2352 Crimson Maple (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size D/3 (3.25mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain correct gauge*

NOTIONS

- Stitch markers
- Small yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

1 2 3 4

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 47"/119.5cm square

GAUGE

20 sts = 5½"/14cm; 13 rows in pattern = 4"/10cm

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH


Ch 22.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—20 dc.

Rows 2–13 Ch 1, turn; sc in blo of first 4 sts, [FPdc around next 4 sts, sc in blo of next 4 sts] twice—8 FPdc and 12 sc. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 5½ x 4"/14 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook. Continue with new color until next color change.

the yarn 

Eco-Ways in Asparagus

Collage in Crimson Maple



BLANKET

With A, ch 166.

Row 1 (right side) Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—164 dc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of first 4 sts, *FPdc around next 4 sts, sc in back loop of next 4 sts; repeat from * across, changing to B in last st—80 FPdc and 84 sc.

Row 3 With B, ch 1, turn; sc in back loop of first 4 sts, *FPdc around next 4 sts, sc in back loop of next 4 sts; repeat from * across.

Row 4 With B, repeat Row 2, changing to C in last st.

Rows 5 and 6 With C, repeat Rows 3 and 4, changing to A in last st on Row 6.

Rows 7 and 8 With A, repeat Rows 3 and 4, changing to B in last st on Row 8.

Rows 9–144 Repeat Rows 3–8, 22 more times, then repeat Rows 3–6 once more. Fasten off A, B, and C.

Edging

Round 1 With right side facing, join B with sc in free loop of ch at base of last st worked on Row 1 in bottom left-hand corner; sc in free loop of each remaining ch across bottom edge, ch 1, working up right-hand edge, sc in edge of each row, ch 1, working across top edge, sc in each st across, ch 1, working down left-hand edge, sc in edge of each row, ch 1; join with sl st in first sc—616 sc and 4 corner ch-1 sps.

Round 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next st and in each st around, working 3 dc in each corner ch-1 sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—628 dc. Fasten off.

Round 3 With right side facing, join A with sl st in middle dc in any corner, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in same st as joining; *FPdc around each st across to next corner**, 3 dc in middle dc in next corner; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—636 dc. Fasten off.

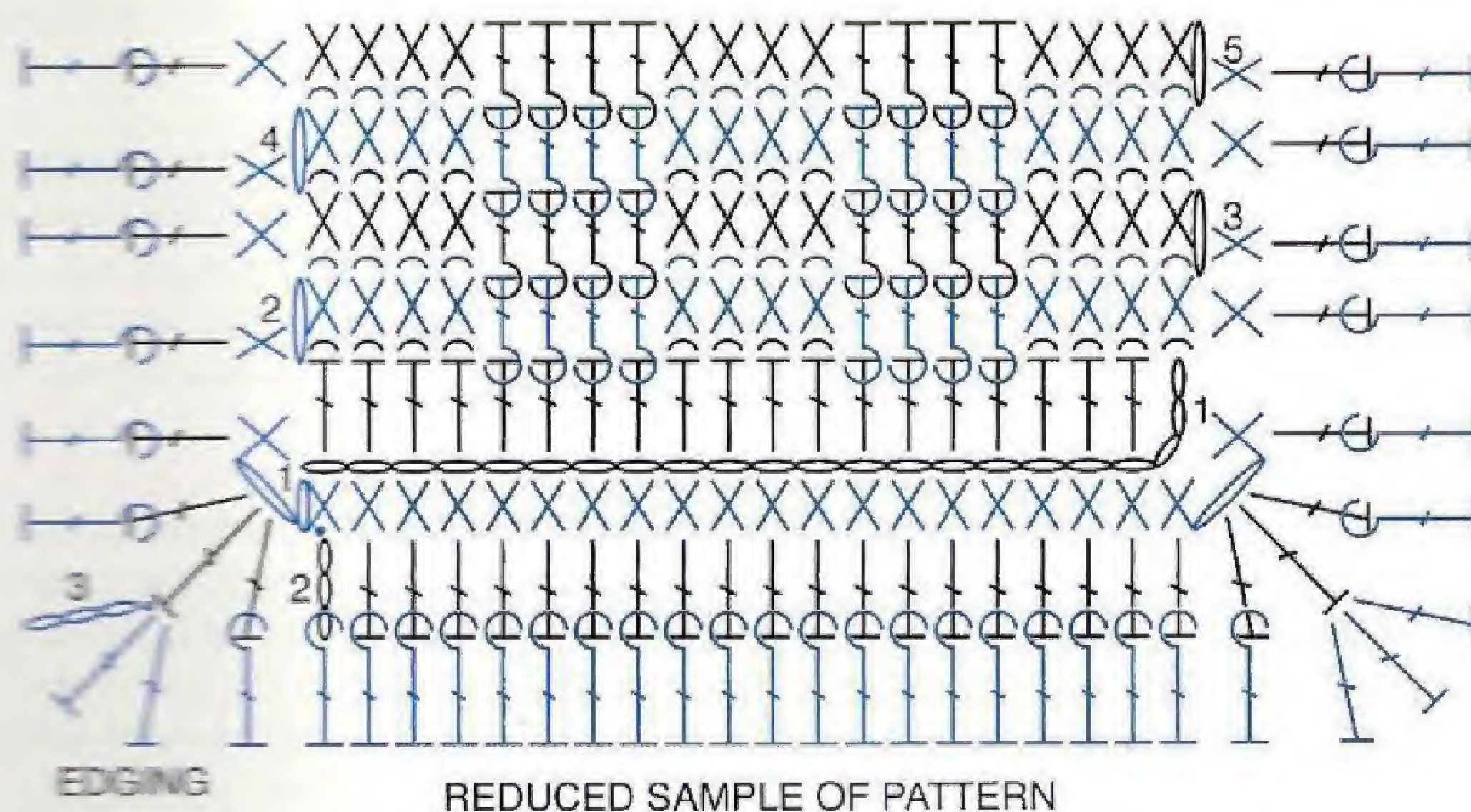
FINISHING

Weave in all ends. —R.R.R.—





STITCH DIAGRAM





Stocking Cap

Get your kids in the holiday spirit with this colorful striped cap, topped off with a festive tassel.

By Linda Permann

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Kids, 5oz/141g balls, each approx 290yds/265m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #2652 Lime (A)
- 1 ball #2390 Red (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 1/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Tassel maker or 3"/7.5cm x 5"/12.5cm piece of thick cardboard
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy



the yarn



Kids in Lime

Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s) **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet
 * Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
 [] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together) [Yarn over, insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FPdc (front post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

BPdc (back post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around post of indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped chs count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—12 dc.

Row 2 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in first skipped ch.

Row 3 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in first st and in each st across, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch-3—12 sc.

Row 5 Ch 3, turn; dc in next st and in each st across—12 dc.

Rows 6 and 7 Repeat Row 3, 2 times.

Row 8 Repeat Row 4. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTE

To change colors, work last stitch of old color until 2 loops remain on hook, drop old color until needed again, yarn over with new color and draw through 2 loops on hook. Continue with new color until next color change.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18½"/47cm circumference (stretches to fit 20"/51cm head) x 21"/53.5cm long (excluding tassel)

GAUGE

12 sts and 8 rows in pattern (3 rows dc, 1 row sc) = 4"/10cm square.

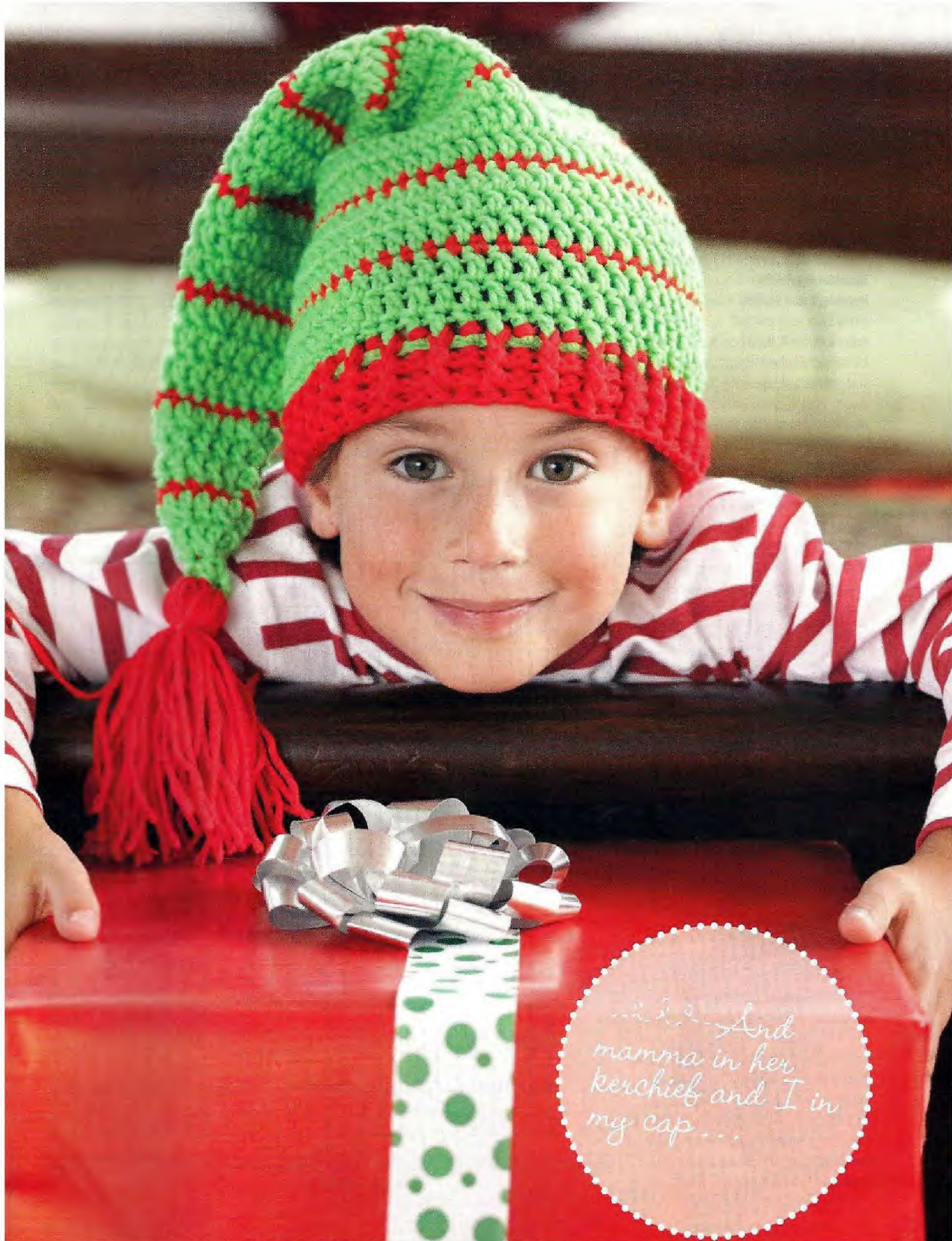
Remember to check gauge for best results!

CAP

Starting at bottom with A, ch 56; join with sl st to form a ring, being careful not to twist chs.

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in next ch and in each remaining ch around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—56 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in next st and in each st



And
mamma in her
kerchief and I in
my cap...



around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3.

Round 3 Repeat Round 2, changing to B in joining sl st.

Round 4 With B, ch 1, sc in same ch as joining, sc in next st and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc, changing to A—56 sc.

Rounds 5–7 With A, repeat Round 2, 3 times, changing to B in joining sl st on last round.

Round 8 Repeat Round 4.

Rounds 9 and 10 With A, repeat Round 2, 2 times.

Round 11 Ch 3, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 12 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—52 dc.

Round 12 Repeat Round 4—52 sc.

Round 13 With A, ch 3, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—48 dc.

Round 14 Repeat Round 2.

Round 15 Ch 3, dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—44 dc.

Round 16 Repeat Round 4—44 sc.

Round 17 With A, ch 3, dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—40 dc.

Round 18 Repeat Round 2.

Round 19 Ch 3, dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 8 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—36 dc.

Round 20 Repeat Round 4—36 sc.

Round 21 With A, ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 7 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—32 dc.

Round 22 Repeat Round 2.

Round 23 Ch 3, dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—28 dc.

Round 24 Repeat Round 4—28 sc.

Round 25 With A, ch 3, dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—24 dc.

Round 26 Repeat Round 2.

Round 27 Ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3, changing to B—20 dc.

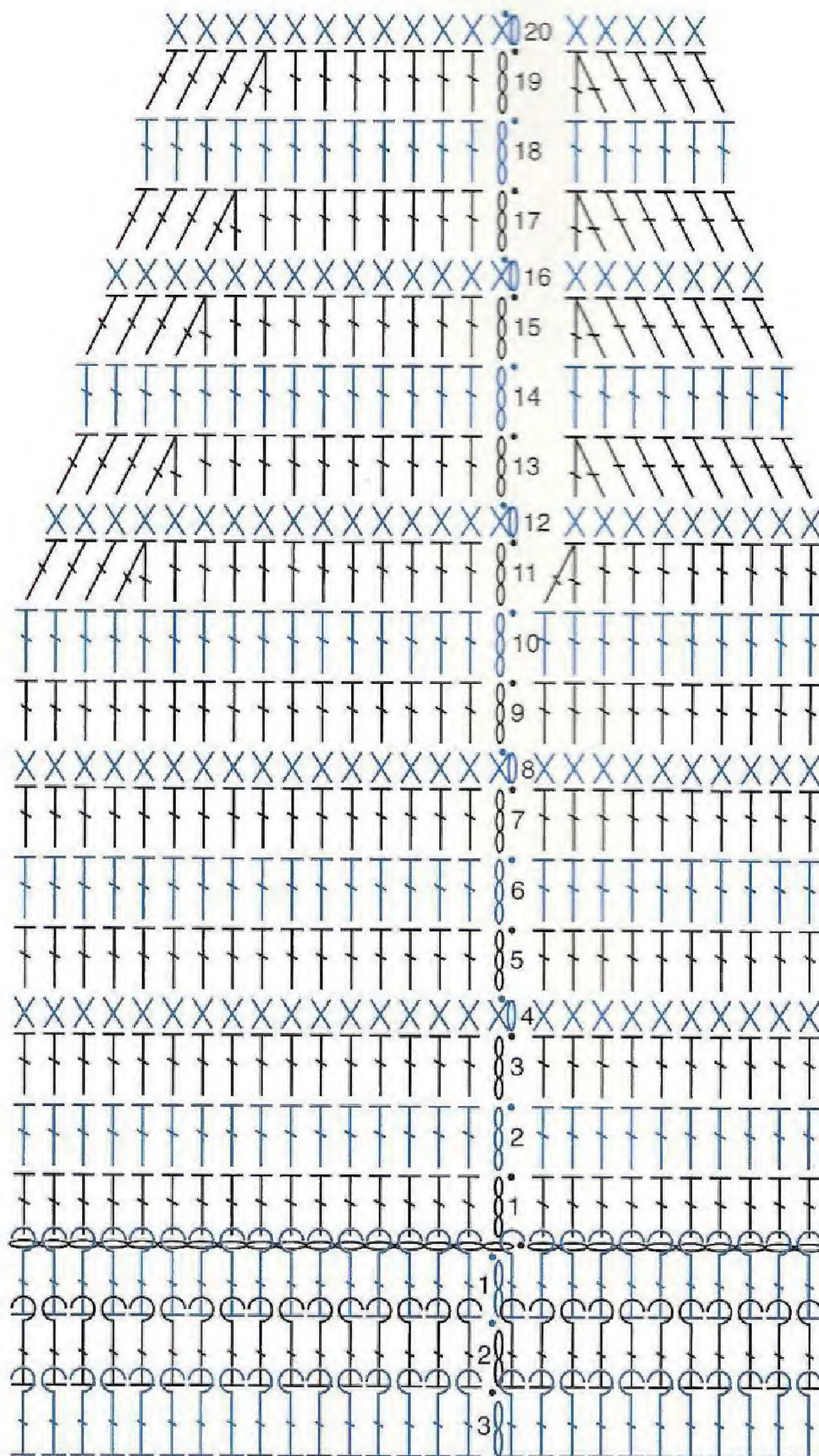
Round 28 Repeat Round 4—20 sc.

Round 29 With A, ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, [dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—16 dc.

Rounds 30 and 31 Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Round 32 Repeat Round 4—16 sc.

STITCH DIAGRAM



ROUNDS 1-20
AND EDGING



Round 33 With A, ch 3, dc in next st, dc2tog, [dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—12 dc.

Rounds 34 and 35 Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Round 36 Repeat Round 4—12 sc. Fasten off B, leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail to secure tassel.

Round 37 With A, ch 3, dc2tog, [dc in next st, dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—8 dc.

Round 38 Ch 2, dc in next st (counts as first dc2tog), [dc2tog] 3 times; join with sl st in 2nd ch of beginning ch-2—4 dc.

Round 39 Repeat Round 2. Fasten off, leaving an 8"/20.5cm tail to secure tassel.

Edging

Round 1 With right side facing and cap turned upside down, join B with sl st in ch at base of first dc on Round 1, ch 2 (does not count as a st), FPdc around first dc, BPdc around next dc, *FPdc around next dc, BPdc around next dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first FPdc—28 FPdc and 28 BPdc.

Rounds 2 and 3 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), *FPdc around FPdc, BPdc around BPdc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first FPdc. Fasten off.

TASSEL

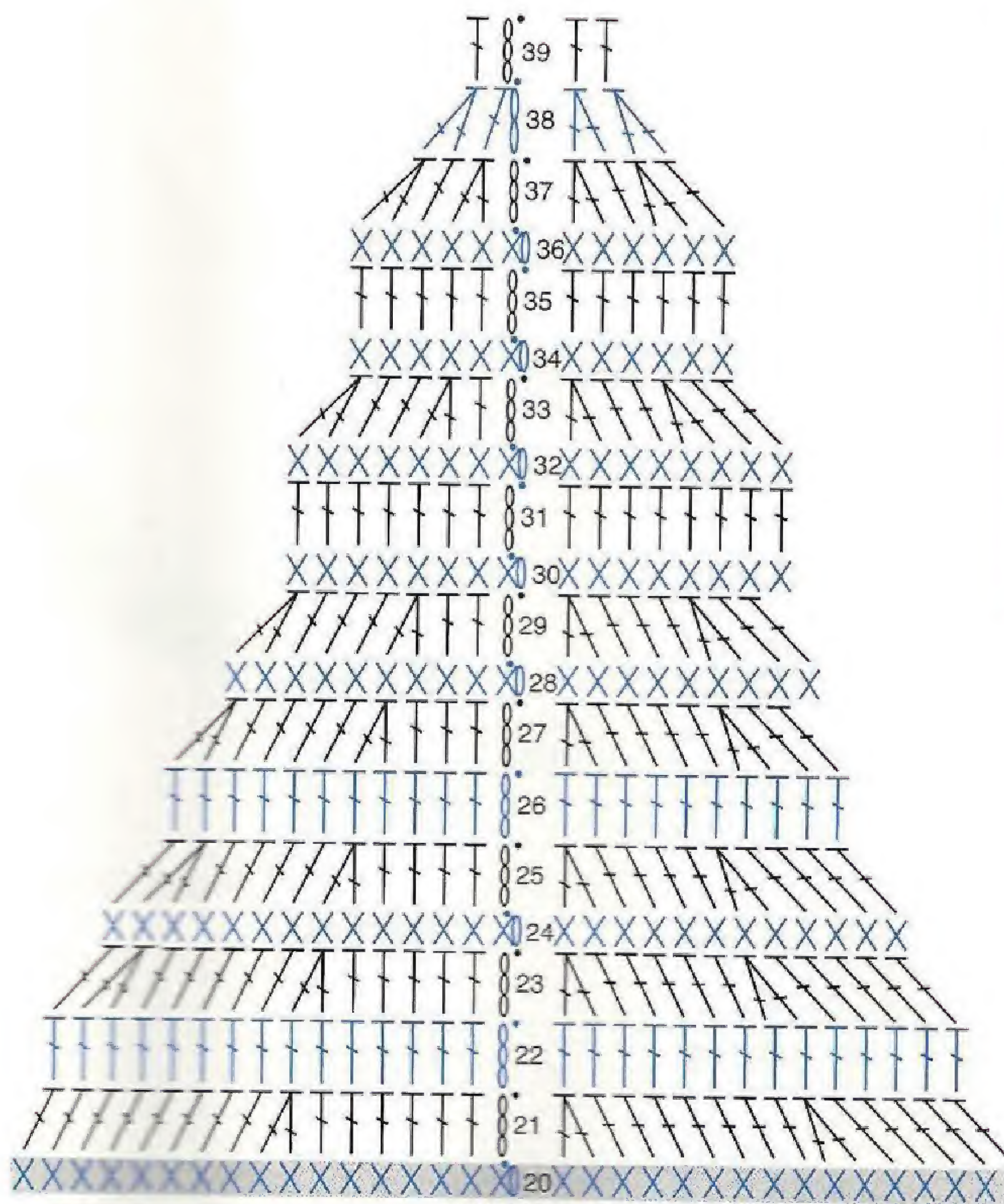
Follow instructions on tassel maker package to make a tassel, or cut a 3"/7.5cm x 5"/12.5cm piece of cardboard. About 1"/2.5cm away from one short edge of cardboard, cut a 1½"/4cm long x ¼"/.5cm wide notch parallel to short edge of cardboard. Wrap B around long edges of cardboard approx 30 times, then slide yarn over cut notch. Cut a 12"/30.5cm piece of B. Thread piece of B through notch and around wrapped yarn twice. Tie yarn ends in a tight knot to secure tassel strands. Tuck ends into long end of tassel. Thread yarn needle with tails of A and B at top of cap. Thread tails through loops at top end of tassel (end closest to tied yarn around tassel), then back through cap twice. Tie tails in a knot on wrong side of cap. Cut wrapped long ends of tassel open and remove tassel from cardboard. Trim long ends, as desired.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Tip

For a multi-colored tassel, wrap both A and B (at the same time) around cardboard approx 15 times and finish tassel as directed.



ROUNDS 20-39



His
eyes, how they
twinkled! His
dimples how
merry!



Jolly St. Nick

Deck your halls with this cheery wall hanging of Santa himself!

By Regina Roux

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Super Saver, 7oz/198g balls, each approximately 354yd/323m (acrylic)

- 1 ball HEART Baby Pink (A)
- 1 ball HEART Cherry Red (B)
- 1 ball HEART Soft White (C)
- 1 ball HEART Black (D)

RED HEART Buttercup, 14oz/50g balls, each approximately 710yd/650m (acrylic)

- 1 ball HEART White (E)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/5.0mm crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

Skill level: Intermediate

Abbreviations

ch chain **sl st** slip stitch
dc double crochet **sp(s)** space(s)
hdc half double crochet **st(s)** stitch(es)
sc single crochet

[] Work directions in brackets number of times indicated.

() Work directions in parentheses into stitch or space indicated.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Wall hanging measures approximately 15"/38cm tall and 15"/38cm wide

GAUGE

Rounds 1–5 of Face = 4"/10cm diameter.
 Gauge is not critical for this project.

FACE

With A, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; do not join. Place a marker in first st to indicate beginning of round. Move marker up as work progresses.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—16 sc.

Round 3 [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 8 times—24 sc.

Round 4 [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, place marker in last sc made] 8 times—32 sc.

Note markers indicate where increases will be worked in following rows. Move markers up as work progresses. Use different colored markers for increase locations, than for beginning of round.

Round 5 [Sc in each sc to next marked sc, 2 sc in marked sc] 8 times—40 sc.

Rounds 6 and 7 Repeat Round 5 twice—56 sc.

Round 8 Sc in each sc around.

Rounds 9–13 Repeat Round 5 five times—96 sc.

Round 14–19 Repeat Rounds 8–13—136 sc.

Rounds 20 and 21 Sc in each sc around.

Sl st in next sc. Fasten off.

HAT

Lower Section

With B, ch 45

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—44 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 20 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 9 sc, sc2tog.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—42 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 20 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog.

Rows 5–15 Repeat Row 3 eleven times—20 sc.

Row 16 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 3 sc, sc in next 14 sc; leave remaining 3 sc unworked—14 sc. Fasten off.

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Super Saver in
Cherry Red

Buttercup in White

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Point

Note Point begins from pompom end across. One side edge (formed by ends of right side rows) is noticeably curved and should align with last row of lower section.

With B, ch 1.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook—1 sc.

Rows 2 and 3 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each sc across—4 sc.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—6 sc.

Rows 6 and 7 Repeat Rows 4 and 5—8 sc.

Rows 8 and 9 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Rows 10 and 11 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—10 sc.

Rows 12 and 13 Repeat Rows 9 and 10—11 sc.

Row 14 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each remaining sc across—12 sc.

Rows 16 and 17 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 18 Repeat Row 10—13 sc.

Rows 19–21 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 22 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc.

Rows 23 and 24 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 25 Repeat Row 15—14 sc.

Row 26 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across—13 sc.

Row 27 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 28 Repeat Row 26—12 sc.

Row 29 Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog.

Row 30 Repeat Row 26—11 sc.

Row 31 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—10 sc.

Row 32 Repeat Row 22.

Row 33 Repeat Row 31—9 sc.

Rows 34–37 Repeat Rows 30–33—6 sc.

Row 38 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc; rotate piece to work across side edge, ch 1, work 38 sc evenly spaced across (straighter) side edge, ch 2 (at point); rotate piece to work across other (curved) side edge, work 42 sc evenly spaced across side; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Lower Border

With wrong side of hat facing, and working across opposite side of foundation ch of lower section, join E with sl st in first ch. Work Rows 1–6 of lower section. Fasten off. Fold border to right side and tack in place.

Pompom

With E, ch 2.

Rounds 1–3 Work Rounds 1–3 of face.

Sl st in next sc. Fasten off.

Assembly

Place point on top of lower section of hat so that curved portion of point faces upwards (aligning with last row of lower section) and the straight edge lies diagonally across front of lower section. Pin in place.

With right side facing, join B with sl st in lower corner of hat (behind white border) to work up side edge. Work sc loosely and evenly spaced around edges of hat, when reaching curved portion of point work through both thicknesses to secure point to lower section. Fasten off at opposite lower corner. Sew pompom to end of point.

BEARD

Note Beard is shaped with short rows. Short rows are only worked across part of the previous row, leaving some stitches unworked at the end of the row. The unworked stitches are worked into when the next right side row is worked.

With C, ch 3.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in last ch—2 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops only, 2 sc in each sc across—4 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in each sc across.

Row 4 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops only, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—5 sc.

Row 5 Ch 1, turn; working in back loops only, sc in first 3 sc; leave last 2 sc unworked—3 sc.

Row 6 Ch 1, turn; working in front loops only, sc in each sc across.

Note Continue to work all right side rows in back loops only, and wrong side rows in front loops only.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across (including the unworked sts from previous right side row) to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—6 sc.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—7 sc.

Row 9 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 4 sc; leave last 3 sc unworked—4 sc.

Row 10 Repeat Row 8—5 sc.

Row 11 and 12 Repeat Rows 7 and 8—10 sc.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 5 sc; leave last 5 sc unworked—5 sc.

Row 14 Repeat Row 8—6 sc.

Row 15 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across (including the unworked sts from previous right side row)—11 sc.

Row 16 Repeat Row 8—12 sc.

Row 17 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 6 sc; leave last 6 sc unworked—6 sc.

Rows 18–20 Repeat Rows 10–12—15 sc.

Row 21 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 8 sc; leave last 7 sc unworked—8 sc.

Rows 22–24 Repeat Rows 14–16—17 sc.

Row 25 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 9 sc; leave last 8 sc unworked—9 sc.

Rows 26–28 Repeat Rows 14–16—19 sc.

Row 29 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 10 sc; leave last 9 sc unworked—10 sc.

Rows 30–32 Repeat Rows 14–16—21 sc.

Row 33 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 11 sc; leave last 10 sc unworked—11 sc.

Rows 34–36 Repeat Rows 14–16—23 sc.

Row 37 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 12 sc; leave last 11 sc unworked—12 sc.

Row 38 and 39 Repeat Rows 14 and 15—24 sc.

Rows 40 and 41 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 42 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc—25 sc.

Rows 43–47 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 48 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog—24 sc.

Rows 49 and 50 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 51 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sc; leave remaining 11 sc unworked—12 sc.

Row 52 Ch 1, turn sc in each sc across.



Row 53 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across (including the unworked sts from previous right side row)—22 sc.

Row 54 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.

Row 55 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 10 sc; leave remaining 10 sc unworked—11 sc.

Row 56–58 Repeat Rows 52–54—20 sc.

Row 59 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sc; leave remaining 9 sc unworked—10 sc.

Row 60–62 Repeat Rows 52–54—18 sc.

Row 63 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 8 sc; leave remaining 8 sc unworked—9 sc.

Row 64–66 Repeat Rows 52–54—16 sc.

Row 67 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sc; leave remaining 7 sc unworked—8 sc.

Row 68–70 Repeat Rows 52–54—14 sc.

Row 71 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sc; leave remaining 7 sc unworked—6 sc.

Row 72–74 Repeat Rows 52–54—12 sc.

Row 75 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sc; leave remaining 8 sc unworked—5 sc.

Rows 76 and 77 Repeat Rows 52 and 53—10 sc.

Row 78 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each sc across—9 sc.

Row 79 Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sc; leave remaining 4 sc unworked—4 sc.

Rows 80–82 Repeat Rows 76–78—6 sc.

Row 83 Ch 1, turn; sc in first 3 sc; leave remaining 3 sc unworked—3 sc.

Rows 84–86 Repeat Rows 76–78—4 sc.

Row 87 Ch 1, turn; [sc2tog] twice—2 sc.

Row 88 Ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across. Fasten off.

MUSTACHE (MAKE 2)

With C, ch 7.

Round 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each remaining ch across; ch 2; rotate piece to work across opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each ch across; ch 2; join with sl st in first sc—12 sc and 2 ch-2 sps.

Round 2 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in first 6 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc—16 sc and 2 ch-2 sps.

Round 3 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in first 7 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 8 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in last sc; join with sl st in first sc—20 sc and 2 ch-2 sps.

Round 4 Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in first 2 sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in next 4 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next

2 sc, sc in next 4 sc, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in last 2 sc; join with sl st in first sc—28 sc and 2 ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

Mustache Tips

With right sides facing up, place mustache ovals side by side. Place a marker in 3rd st before ch-2 sp tip on top edge of each oval. On each oval, join C with sl st in marked st to work towards tip (right side will be facing for one oval, and wrong side will be facing for other oval), sc in next st, hdc in next st, 3 dc in ch-2 sp at tip. Fasten off. With right side facing up, place mustache ovals side by side with tips facing outwards. Join yarn with sl st in tip of one oval, [sl st evenly across edge of first oval to inner ch-2 sp, sl st evenly across edge of next oval to tip, ch 2] twice continuing around outer edge of mustache to beginning tip; join with sl st in first sl st. Fasten off.

EYE (MAKE 2)

White

With C, ch 2.

Rounds 1 and 2 Work Rounds 1 and 2 of face—16 sc.

Sl st in next sc. Fasten off.

Pupil

With D, ch 2.

Round 1 Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

HANGING STRIP

With B, ch 9.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across—8 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With right sides facing up, place beard and hat on top of face. Beard and hat should overlap a bit at sides (where ears would be). With yarn needle and matching yarn, sew in place. Place pupils centered over lower half of whites, and sew in place. Place mustache on top of beard so that a bit of pink (where mouth would be) shows, and sew in place. Place eyes between mustache and brim of hat and sew in place. Sew hanging strip to center, back of hat, about 1 1/2 cm below top of hat. Weave in all ends.



... The stockings were hung by the chimney with care ...



Christmas Stockings

Pom-pom yarn makes a perfectly lush cuff on these roomy stockings.

By Amy Folger

What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Holiday, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 225yd/215m (acrylic/metallic powder)

- 1 skein #3040 Red/Silver (A)
- 1 skein #6040 Green/Silver (B)

RED HEART Spark-a-Doodle, 3½oz/100g skeins, each approx 54yd/50m (polyester/metallic powder)

- 1 skein #1001 White (C)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Easy

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the yarn



Holiday in Green/Green



Spark-a-Doodle in White



NOTE

To join with sc, make a slip knot and place on hook, insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

STOCKING

Leg

Starting at top with A or B, ch 39.

Row 1 (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—38 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures approx 9"/23cm. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Fold piece in half lengthwise and sew edges together.

Heel

Row 1 With right side facing and seam running down center back, join A or B with sc in 9th st before seam, sc in next 18 sts, leaving remaining sts unworked—19 sc.

Row 2 (wrong side) Turn; sl st in first st, sc in each st across to last st, leaving last st unworked—17 sc.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across.

Rows 4–11 Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 4 more times—2 less sc in each even numbered row. At end of Row 11—9 sc.

Row 12 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across, sc in edge of Row 10—10 sc.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 16"/40.5cm long from top of cuff to toe

GAUGE

13 sc and 16 rows = 4"/10cm square

Remember to check gauge for best results!

HOW TO MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH

Ch 14.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—13 sc.

Rows 2–16 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across. Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4"/10cm square. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

Abbreviations

ch(s) chain(s)
sc single crochet
[] Work directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

sc2tog single crochet 2 stitches together (insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook.

Row 13 Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across, sc in edge of Row 9—11 sc.

Rows 14–21 Repeat Row 13, 8 more times, working final sc in edge of row before row where final sc was worked in previous row (i.e.: On Row 14, work final sc in edge of Row 8. On Row 13, work final sc in edge of Row 7)—1 more sc in each row. At end of Row 21—19 sc.

Note Last sc on Row 21 should be beside the remaining 19 sc on Leg.

Foot

Begin working on all 38 sts (19 unworked sc on Leg and 19 sc on last row of Heel).

Round 1 Sc in each st around—38 sc. Do not join, but work in a spiral. Insert stitch marker in

last sc and move up to last sc in each row as work progresses.

Repeat Round 1 until foot measures approx 5"/12.5cm, measured from back of heel.

Toe

Round 1 [Sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog] twice—36 sc. Do not join, but work in a spiral. Insert stitch marker in last sc and move up to last sc in each row as work progresses.

Round 2 Sc in each st around.

Round 3 [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 9 times—27 sc.

Round 4 Repeat Round 2.

Round 5 [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 9 times—18 sc.

Round 6 Repeat Round 2.

Round 7 [Sc2tog] 9 times—9 sc.

Round 8 [Sc2tog] 4 times, sc in last st—5 sc. Fasten off.

Cuff

Round 1 With wrong side facing, join C with sc in first sc on top edge of stocking, sc in each st around—38 sc. Do not join, but work in a spiral. Insert stitch marker in last sc and move up to last sc in each row as work progresses.

Round 2 Sc in each st around.

Repeat Round 2 until cuff measures approx 4"/10cm. At end of last round, join with sl st in next st. Fasten off.

Hanging Loop

With A or B, ch 14, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—13 sc. Fasten off. Fold loop in half and sew in place at top of stocking.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Tip

To make mini stockings to hang on a Christmas tree as decorations, use size 10 crochet thread and a size 7/1.65mm steel hook.

